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Reagan hale and hearty

Brezhnev said 'critical'

WASHINGTON, April 2 (Agencies) — Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev's health was reported Friday to have "deteriorated seriously" and that he was taken to the Kremlin Hospital in an ambulance last week for treatment of a possible stroke.

The Washington Post, in a dispatch from Moscow, quoted "well-informed Soviet sources" as saying the 75-year-old Soviet leader was expected to recover but would be hospitalized for several weeks. Though the sources reported a "serious worsening" in Brezhnev's health, they did not suggest he was incapacitated, the newspaper said. The Soviet Foreign Ministry would not comment. The Post added.

The newspaper said its sources also disclosed that Brezhnev, who has undergone periodic bouts of ill health in the last few years, suffered a mild heart attack in early February. The Post said Brezhnev was stricken aboard a plane carrying him back to Moscow March 25 from Tashkent, the capital of the Soviet Central Asian republic of Uzbekistan.

The paper said he was removed from the plane on a stretcher and was carried in an ambulance to the Kremlin Hospital. The Post said its sources suggested Brezhnev might have suffered a mild stroke.

The Post said its sources suggested that Brezhnev's health worsened as a result of

the heavy demands of his schedule in Uzbekistan and the psychological stress of the recent deaths of several close associates, notably ideologist Mikhail Suslov.

The newspaper said a meeting of the Communist Party Central Committee, scheduled for this week in Moscow, was postponed until May 24, and Brezhnev's personal physician canceled a visit to England.

Meanwhile, in Washington, President Reagan has been given a clean bill of health by doctors who examined him after he complained of recent discomfort in his urinary tract.

Reagan, 71, said when he returned to the White House after a checkup at Bethesda Naval Medical Center near Washington Thursday: "I feel great...everything is absolutely fine. No medication, no nothing." The White House said the four doctors who examined Reagan found no evidence of malignancy or other problems.

The 90-minute checkup took place two days after the anniversary of an attempt to assassinate Reagan. The president was shot in the chest March 30, 1981, outside a Washington hotel but has recovered fully from the wound. White House spokesman Larry Speakes said Reagan felt discomfort a few weeks ago and was presumed to be suffering from inflammation of the urinary tract.

U.S. joblessness rises to 9%

WASHINGTON, April 2 (R) — The U.S. unemployment rate rose to nine percent in March, equalling the highest level since the World War II, the government said Friday.

The number of Americans without jobs rose by 279,000 to almost 1.9 million last month, pushing up the unemployment rate from 8.8 percent in February the labor department said.

The March figure matched the post-war record of nine percent reached in May, 1975, when the country was also in a major recession.

Some two million Americans have lost their jobs since the current recession began last July. The unemployment rate then stood at 7.2 percent. The labor department also reported Friday that the number of people

working part-time because full-time jobs were not available rose to a record 5 million in March.

The department said 1.3 million so-called discouraged workers, those who feel jobs are not available, had simply stopped looking for work in the first quarter of 1982. The figure is the highest since the government began keeping statistics on discouraged workers in 1967.

Treasury Secretary Donald Regan Thursday night predicted a March unemployment rate of nine percent, but he agreed with the assessment of Murray Weidenbaum, another White House economic adviser, that the recession had reached its trough.

Regan forecast that unemployment figures could continue to rise slightly but said: "I don't think they'll go much higher than nine."

Israeli firing injures four Golan Arabs

TEL AVIV, April 2 (AP) — Israeli troops in the recently-annexed Syrian Golan Heights shot and wounded four Druze Arabs Friday while they were holding anti-Israel demonstrations, the military said.

Arabs in Majdel Shams and Massada, the two largest towns in the northern Golan, violated curfews and threw stones at troops, slightly injuring six soldiers, military sources claimed. About 150 demonstrators in each town ignored orders to disperse, and after firing warning shots in the air, the soldiers fired "several shots at the feet of the demonstrators," the sources said. There was no information on the condition of the wounded Arabs.

The Arabs have been on general strike since Feb. 15 to protest Israel's annexation of the strategic plateau occupied from Syria in the 1967 Mideast war.

The military blocked access to the Golan's major towns on Feb. 25, preventing outsiders, including reporters, from reaching them and allowing passage only to those Arabs who possessed Israeli civilian identity cards.

The defense ministry promised the blockades would be lifted Wednesday midnight, but then said they would be maintained indefinitely because of "outside incitement" against Israeli rule in the Golan.

Marcos assured full U.S. support

CLARK AIRBASE, Philippines, April 2 (AP) — U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger ended his tour of Asia Friday, pledging to defend this former U.S. colony against a "very real and very near" Communist threat.

Speaking before boarding his plane at this U.S. Air Force base, 80 kms north of Manila, Weinberger also confirmed President Ferdinand E. Marcos will visit Washington in the fall but gave no specific dates. He described his 26-hour visit to the Philippines, last stop on a tour that also took the defense secretary to Japan and South Korea, as a particularly fruitful one because he was able to convey to Marcos a message of "full support for the defense of the Philippines."

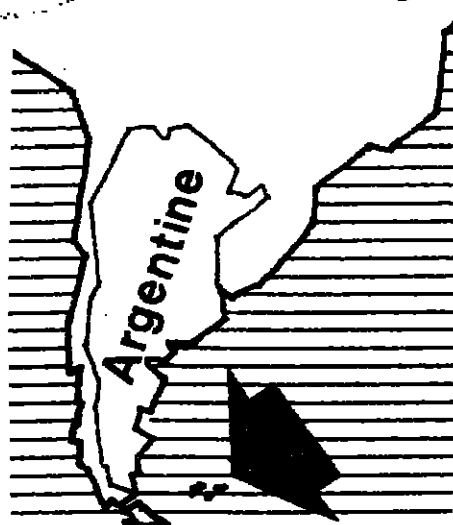
Russia raps U.S. stand on disarmament talks

MOSCOW, April 2 (AFP) — The Soviet news agency Tass Friday said U.S. President Reagan's call for negotiations on reducing U.S. and Soviet nuclear arms to "equal force levels" did not constitute a response to Soviet initiatives.

Tass criticized the United States for trying to make up lost ground in the area of nuclear armament before beginning negotiations on arms limitation and control. The United States was driving the world "to the brink of global disaster," Tass said.

The Soviet agency said the Soviet Union by proposing a unilateral freeze on deployment of medium range missiles in Europe, had "shown its goodwill...and given the example of trust in its Western partners." Tass said the Soviet side had a right to expect reciprocal gestures from the West.

SOUTH AMERICA



THE FALKLANDS: The arrow on this map points to the location of the Falkland Islands which were invaded and occupied by Argentina Friday.

Hopes of oil fuel conflict

LONDON, April 2 (AFP) — The prospect of oil deposits around the South Atlantic Falkland Islands has fueled the long-standing dispute between Britain and Argentina over the territory's control, which flared again Friday.

Geological studies have long pointed to the existence of two deposits off the archipelago, controlled by Britain since 1833, that could contain more than 2,000 million barrels of oil, according to United States intelligence estimates. One of these deposits lies west of the islands and extends toward the Strait of Magellan and the Tierra Del Fuego in southern Argentina. Its total reserves, including those along the Argentine coast, have been estimated at more than 6,000 million barrels. The other deposit to the south of the islands is apparently less promising.

Sources in oil circles, however, have cautioned against too much optimism, pointing out that the results of geological studies have not always proven true. And until the sovereignty question is settled, territorial zones cannot be set.

The presence of oil off Argentina was confirmed last year by Shell and Esso, who were granted drilling licenses by the Argentine National Oil Company Yacimientos Petroliferos Fiscales. Neither company gave many details. But the yield — believed to have been between 3,000 and 5,000 barrels per day — has apparently not encouraged them to step up research, and Shell withdrew one of its drilling platforms.

Sources in oil circles noted that any political problems in exploiting the oil beds would be compounded by technical problems.

Argentina invades Falkland Islands

BUENOS AIRES, April 2 (Agencies) — Argentina's military junta announced Friday its forces had occupied Britain's colony in the South Atlantic, the Falkland (Malvinas) Islands.

In a communique broadcast by radio, the junta said Argentina would guarantee the lives, property and rights of the 1,800 English-speaking inhabitants of the islands. But any act of resistance to Argentine rule would be punished in accordance with the law, the communique said. Argentina has long claimed sovereignty over the islands off the tip of South America, ruled by Britain since 1833. Friday's communique said the islands had been restored to the national patrimony by force of arms after all diplomatic efforts had failed to achieve this end.

According to the official Argentine news agency Telam, the take-over of the Falklands began with the landing of Argentine marines near the islands' small capital of Port Stanley at 0100 GMT Friday. The marines landed from a large fleet of Argentine naval vessels which took up position off the windswept islands Thursday night, Telam said.

A vanguard force, reinforced later by other Argentine marines brought in by helicopter and landing craft, was sent ashore to capture Port Stanley, the airfield and the barracks of about 80 British marines, Telam said. Shortly after its communique announcing that the Falklands had been occupied by Argentina, the Buenos Aires government named Gen. Mario Menendez as the new governor of the islands.

The Falklands are inhabited by people of British stock, mostly sheep farmers, who

have insisted they wish to keep their ties with Britain. The Falklands, an archipelago of 200 islands, lie in the South Atlantic, some 400 miles northeast of Cape Horn. Argentina has always called them the Malvinas islands.

Friday's communique broadcast by Buenos Aires radio said: "The military junta, as the supreme organ of the state, hereby informs the Argentine people that, in a successful joint operation, the armed forces Friday recovered the ... islands for the nation."

The communique said that in addition to occupying the British colonial outpost on the Falkland Islands, also seized control of South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands, hitherto administered by Britain as Falkland dependencies. "We have secured in this way the exercise of sovereignty over all the above-mentioned territories and the air and sea around them," the communique said.

The Argentine claim included South Georgia, a mountainous snow-capped island 1,200 kms east of Port Stanley and the uninhabited South Sandwich Islands near the Antarctic continent.

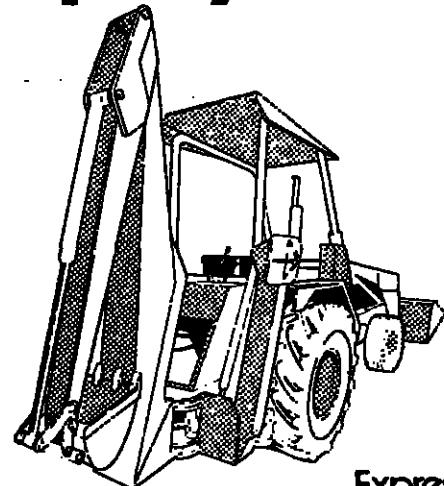
Foreign Minister Nicanor Costa Mendez said on television that Argentina launched its military occupation of the Falklands because Britain had left it no alternative course.

Meanwhile, Britain informed the Security Council that a massive invasion of the Falkland Islands was taking place.

Addressing the council at its second meeting on the crisis, in less than 24 hours, Anthony Parsons, the chief British delegate, said members faced an emergency and they must act at once.

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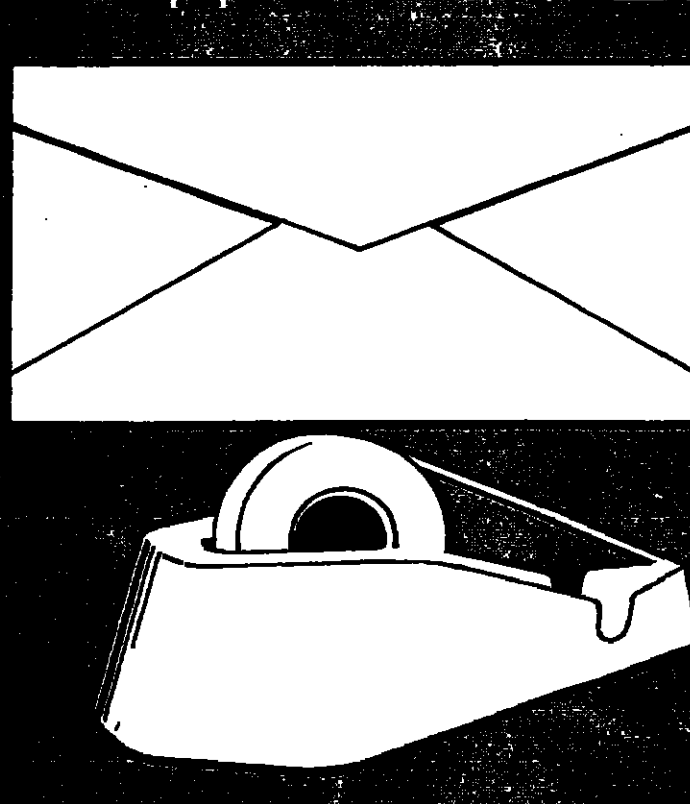
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Australian plans talks with Prince Fahd

Joint panel to meet in Canberra

RIYADH, April 2 (SPA) — Australian Foreign Minister Tony Street will arrive here Tuesday on a two-day visit to the Kingdom during which he will hold talks with senior officials on international issues of mutual interest and promoting bilateral relations.

According to Australian Ambassador Douglas Sturkey, the Australian minister will meet with Crown Prince Fahd and Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal.

Sturkey said that several Australian officials have visited the Kingdom lately to boost cooperation. Contacts are now under way between educational departments and universities in the two countries with the aim of expanding cooperation in research and organizing Saudi Arabian missions to Australia.

The ambassador described Saudi-Australian relations as "good," and expressed the hope that friendship and cooperation bonds will continue to grow for the better. The Saudi-Australian joint commission for commercial cooperation is the basis for fostering cooperation, he added.

Sturkey said that Saudi Arabian Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman A. Sofaim will lead the Kingdom's delegation to the joint commission's meetings which will open in Canberra Monday. An agreement for

meteorological cooperation will be signed during the meetings, in addition to discussions on promoting trade exchanges and setting up joint ventures. Another agreement will be signed to regulate the work of the joint commission, the ambassador said.

The two countries had signed an agreement for increasing economic cooperation during a visit by Deputy Prime Minister John Anthony to Riyadh in March of 1981. Under the agreement, both countries were to study ways and means of developing economic relations and discuss feasibility of joint projects, including mining on which the Australian side agreed to foster by sending experts here to provide expertise.

Also Saudi Arabia and other Middle East countries have opened as exciting markets for Australian meat of which about 45,000 tons were exported to the region last year.

The latest Australian official on visit here was Tom McVeigh, minister for housing and construction, who had come to help boost exports to Saudi Arabia by the end of February. Australia imports 73 percent of its oil from the Kingdom.

An Australian parliamentary mission has concluded, after a visit to the Kingdom in January, that it will go a long way to strengthen the economic and political relations

between the two countries. The mission was led by Health Minister Michael Mackellar.

Meanwhile, an Australian trade fair was held in Riyadh last month with 67 exhibitors displaying products ranging from industrial and agricultural machinery to furniture, air-conditioners and solar heaters. Ambassador Sturkey says that several Australian companies are currently engaged in specialized projects at the Kingdom's industrial cities of Jubail and Yanbu.

Girls' schools commissioned in Central Region

RIYADH, April 2 (SPA) — The Central Region continues to witness an increased activity in opening more schools for girls. Contracts were awarded recently for building five schools at a total cost of more than SR6 million. The schools will be built in Shaqra, Qarayin and Nuwayema in Wadi Al-Dawasir area.

According to Ibrahim Osman Al-Shaalan, Central Region girls' education director general, Friday 10 more intermediate schools and 33 primaries are planned for the region. The intermediate schools will be located in Kharij, Harmah, Qateen, Artawi, Rain Al-Astal, Fasfat, Ruwaidat Al-Suhoul, Sharafa, Awdar Sudair and Mulaijir.

Meanwhile, the primary schools, to be opened in the next 1982-83 academic year, will range from simple two-classroom schools to others with 12 classes.

Substantial progress has been made in girls' education during the Second Development Plan. The growth in girls' enrolment had exceeded that of boys. By the end of 1980, girls accounted for 35 percent of the total number of students in the Kingdom. Girl students' number had increased by 10 percent over 1979, standing at 508,124.

Financial allocation for the General Directorate of Girls' Education during the third development plan amounted to SR24 billion. The general directorate is responsible for all aspects of female education, from primary level through to higher education.

Wolf injures three persons

JEDDAH, April 2 — Three persons suffered injuries when a wolf attacked them 50 kilometers outside Taif. The three, attacked separately, suspected of hydrophobia, were hospitalized according to Okaz Friday.

It quoted Capt. Ahmad Al-Azouri, Taif hinterland police director, as saying that the beast was killed by a citizen in the third attack. The man rammed the wolf with his car.

Azouri said the wolf attacked the first victim at midnight outside his tent house. The

man went out to investigate heavy dog barking that indicated a fierce fight. He was attacked by the wolf, but managed to escape with minor injuries, went to a hospital and informed the police.

By the time police arrived in the area, the wolf had attacked another family, five kilometers away from the site of the first incident. Police traced the wolf's track and caught up with him attacking the last family whose member killed it.

£200m tenders set

LONDON, April 2 — Tenders for £200 million worth of equipment and material subcontract will be invited worldwide by the Arabian Petrochemical Company (Petrokem) shortly.

The move comes after the award of a £25 million contract to the British Foster Wheeler Energy for overall management, engineering and construction of the £500 million petrochemicals complex at Jubail.

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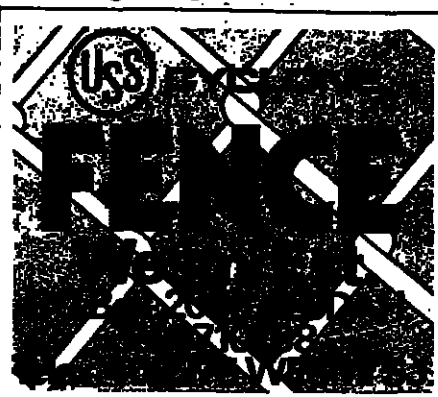
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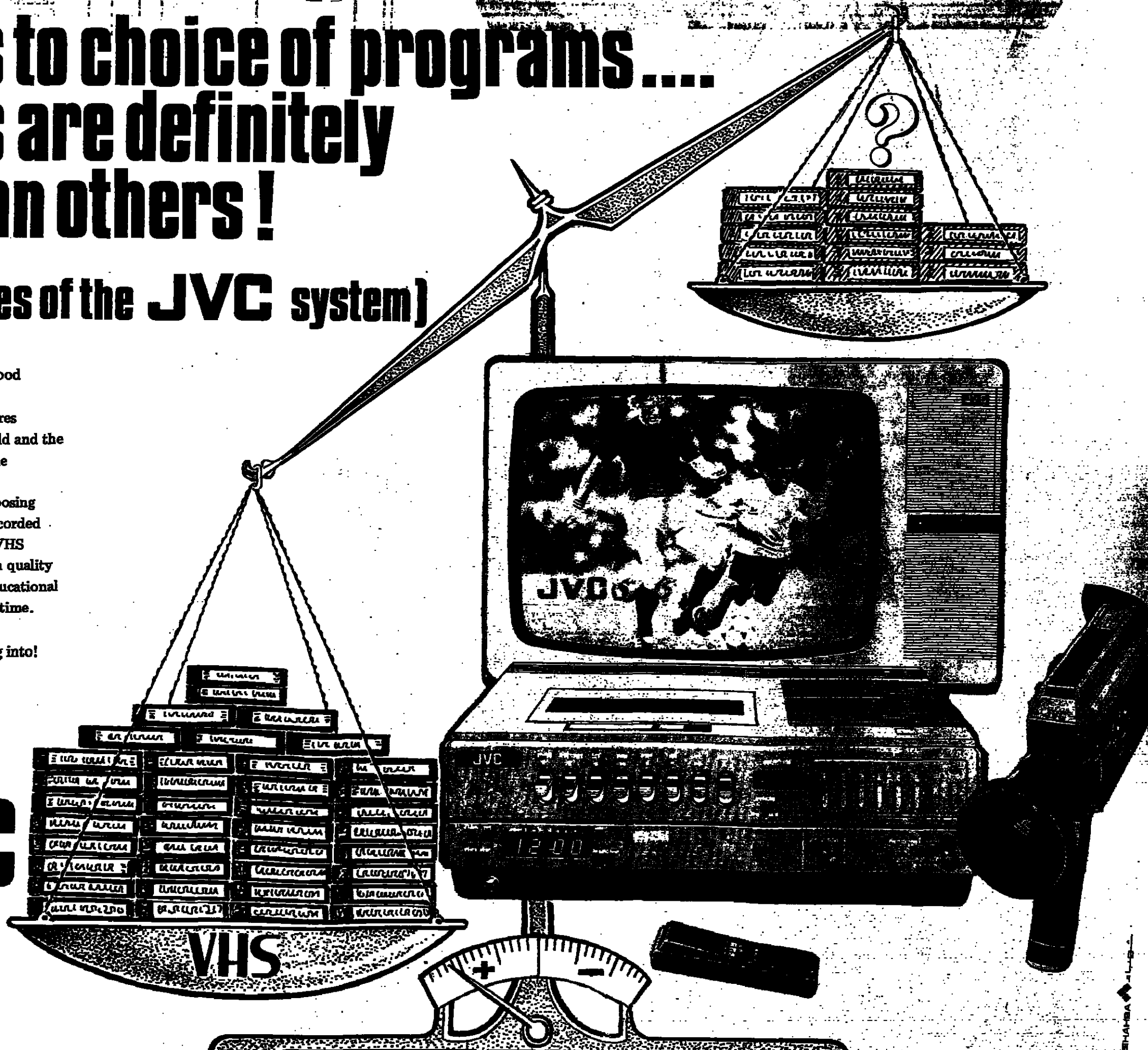
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Grain output rises to 400,000 tons this year

Kingdom strives for agricultural self-sufficiency

RIYADH, April 2 (SPA) — The Kingdom is investing a great deal of money in large numbers of agricultural projects, enabling the Kingdom to increase its wheat production to 400,000 tons this year from 135,000 tons last year and 52,000 tons three years ago.

The noticeable increase of 265,00 tons in the wheat output compared with last year's production is the outcome of the Kingdom's persistent attempts to attain self-sufficiency in wheat output. The government has formulated an effective plan to distribute a total of SR7.5 billions in loans and subsidies to the private agricultural sector.

Agriculture is still the primary occupation of the Kingdom, despite discovery of oil and the subsequent rapid developments in the country. Official statistics show a decline in agricultural employment for the current fiscal year by 96,000 persons, although the statistics claimed the agricultural sector employed a quarter of the Kingdom's labor force.

Oil exploration initially revealed extensive fossil water aquifer reserves in sedimentary deposits of the Eastern Province where no crops had earlier been grown. Experts' investigations have confirmed the presence of sufficient reserves to support at least a century of sustained water, enough to irrigate as much as 250,000 hectares of land.

Extensive soil classifications have indicated an even larger area of cultivable lands overlying these aquifers. Experts said that it is these areas that will have the potential for producing much of the Kingdom's food and grains requirements in the future.

Crown Prince Fahd in a recent interview with the Kuwaiti daily *Al-Siyasah* emphasized the Kingdom's keenness to develop agriculture through the adoption of sophisticated and modern methods. "Saudi Arabia now produces 400,000 tons of grains as compared to a figure of 36,000 tons few years ago. Then it used to import 600,000 tons," he

said.

The government is introducing latest agricultural techniques, offering Saudi farmers liberal loans and subsidies. A large number of Saudi Arabia graduates have been attracted to the Kingdom's plans of developing agriculture in the country. The state buys local wheat produce at three-fold the world price. Saudi farmers also pick up between 35 to 50 percent of the cost for machines, fertilizers, irrigation pump and seed supplies. Another prominent feature of the Kingdom's green revolution is to provide the farmers with interest-free loans, up to an amount of \$6 million.

The government has so far extended 23,758 loans worth SR 709.1 million for the entire farming sector to ensure a green revolution that will further strengthen the national economy.

The infusion of private capital has helped in the development of many agricultural pro-

jects such as that of Haradh, which started producing 2,000 tonnes of wheat in 1979 and double its production each succeeding year.

The Kingdom has replaced the previous ground irrigation system with the new sprinklers and uses sophisticated methods for expanding the land under cultivation. "It has helped reduce the number of workers dramatically," a senior official says. The government has paid great attention to increase the production of wheat, potatoes and dates under a well-organized plan for self-sufficiency in foodstuffs.

Construction programs in the farm sector for the Third Development Plan include establishment of 10 new directorates, 25 new branch offices, seven animal quarantine stations and 25 grains storage depots.

The Agriculture and Water Ministry has implemented a scheme under which improved seed varieties have been distributed to Saudi farmers for raising the overall yield of their farm lands.

Jeddah exhibit planned in Dammam

DAMMAM, April 2 (SPA) — An exhibition of contemporary architectural features of Jeddah will open at King Faisal University's lecture hall here Saturday. The exhibition, organized by Jeddah Municipality will be dedicated by Jeddah Mayor Muhammad Saeed Faris.

The five-day show also will demonstrate the Red Sea cosmopolitan center's projects and various statistics indicating the city's advancement in architecture and planning.

Meanwhile, Faris will meet with KFU students at the lecture hall in an open dialogue about architecture. The event will be attended by those interested in the architectural and planning movement in the Eastern Province.

Educational show to open

RIYADH, April 2 (SPA) — An exhibition about education in the service of the Islamic home will open here Sunday. The exhibit, organized by Riyadh Education Department, will be opened by Assistant Education Undersecretary Dr. Hamad Al-Salloum. All Education departments in the Central Region will participate in the exhibition.

Meanwhile, the Royal British Architects Association will put on display some of its works and British architectural designs on the Jeddah exhibition's opening day. The British association conducts its show in the same hall. In another development, KFU Architecture and Planning College organizes Saturday an exhibition about solar energy in cooperation with Arco Solar Energy of the United States. The exhibition will be held at the college's premises.

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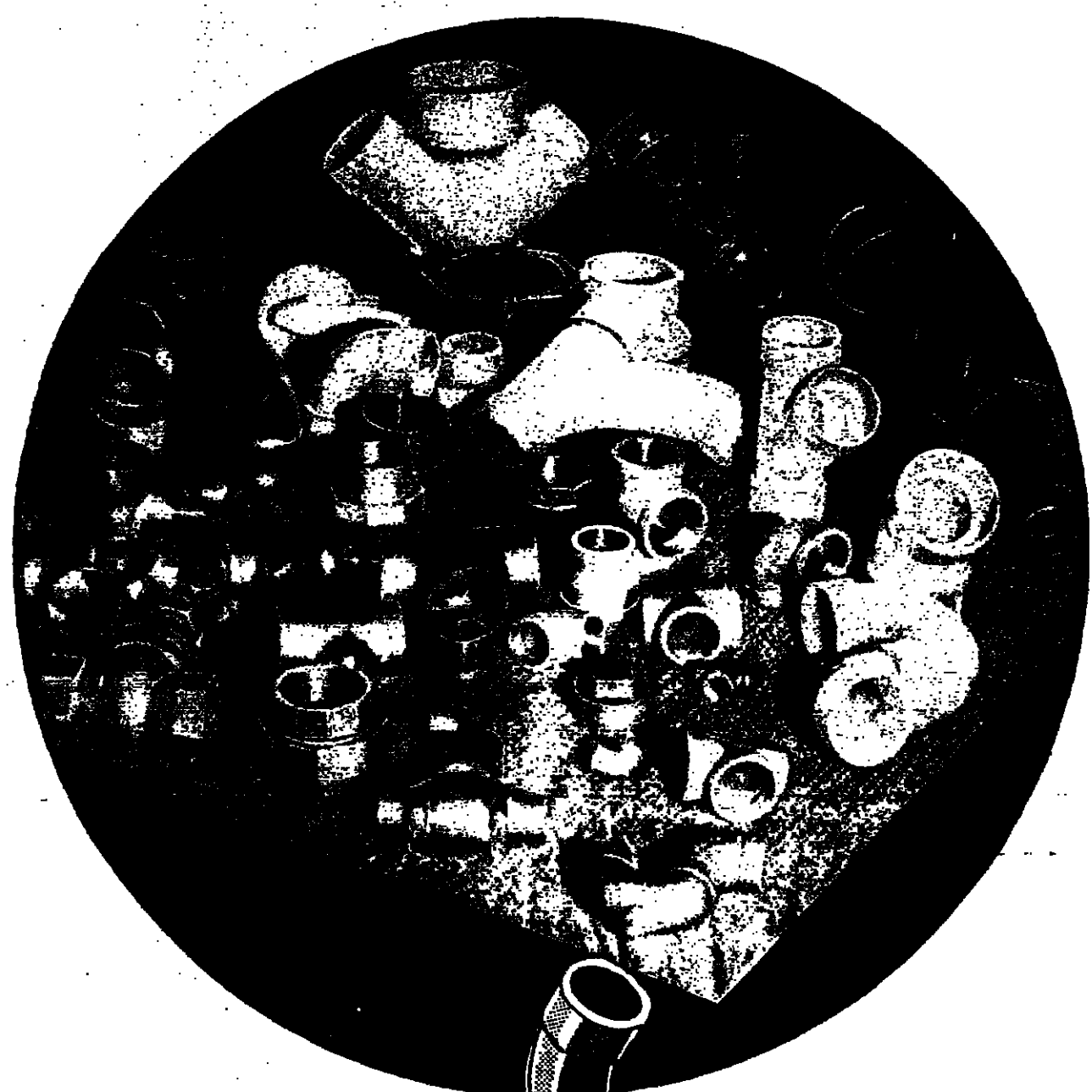
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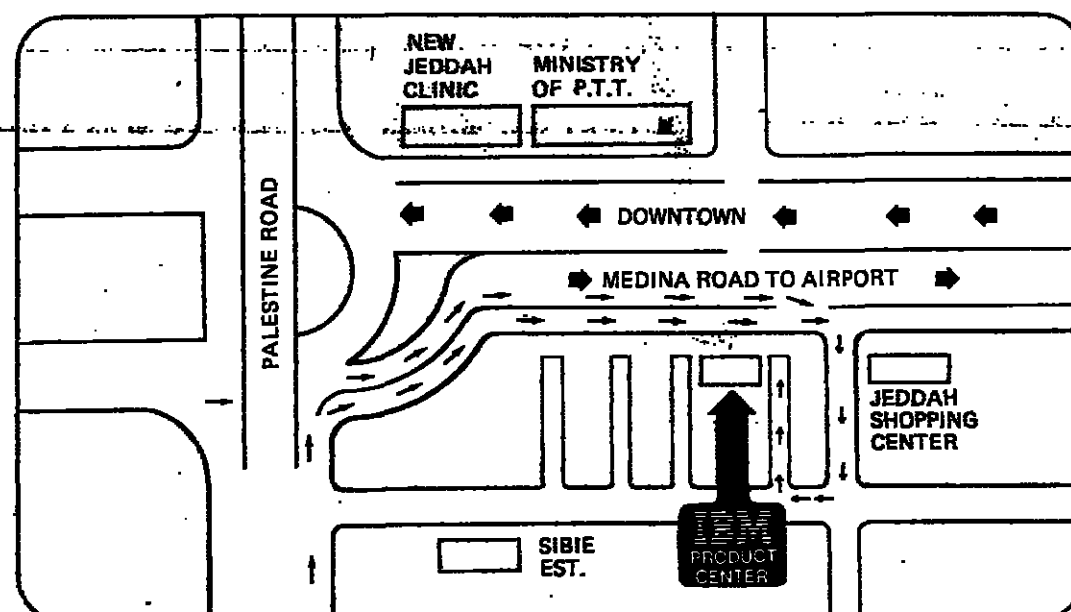
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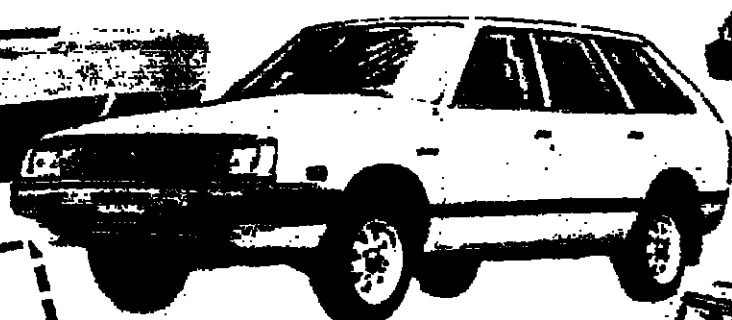
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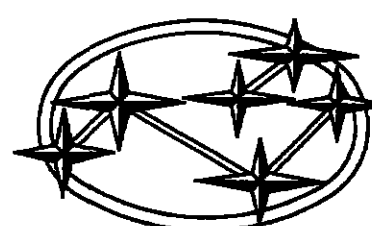
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Palestine Council calls strike in W. Bank, Gaza

DAMASCUS, April 2 (Agencies) — The parliament in exile of the Palestine Liberation Organization has called for a continuous general strike in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip to force Israel into rescinding the dismissal of three West Bank elected mayors.

A statement issued by Palestine Central Council (PCC) after an emergency session here Thursday night, called on all municipal councils in the West Bank and Gaza Strip to suspend their activities and keep up the boycott of the Israeli civil administration of the occupied territories.

The PCC also called on frontline Arab states to open their borders to commando operations against Israel. It said Arab states should implement resolutions put to the Arab foreign ministers' meeting in Tunis, including the opening of borders to Palestinian commandos.

The foreign ministers, who met Wednesday fell short of endorsing the open borders

Israelis arrest nine Sinai hardliners

TEL AVIV, April 2 (R) — Israeli police arrested nine members of the "halt the Sinai withdrawal" movement as they tried to leave Tel Aviv harbor in a speedboat early Friday and head for northern Sinai, police said. Two other men escaped by jumping off the boat and swam ashore.

Northern Sinai, which Israel is to hand back to Egypt by April 26, has been declared a closed area by the army and most residents have packed up and left for Israel. But a few hundred hardliners, who oppose the pull-back, have reinforced a number of buildings in Yamit, the main town in northern Sinai, and vowed to resist force any effort by the army to remove them.

call and spoke only of urgent material, political and moral assistance to the commandos.

The PCC said it would appeal to Pope John Paul to take a stand on the West Bank troubles. "So far, the Vatican has kept its silence while it considers Polish events very important issues," the statement said.

Arafat attended the central council meeting in Damascus and then travelled to the Lebanese capital, Beirut, where he presided at a late night conference of the eight major commando groups that make up the PLO. There was no official word on what was discussed at this conference. The meeting followed repeated demands by radical commando leaders for an abrogation of the eight-month-old cease-fire agreement between Israel and the PLO in South Lebanon, because of the Israeli crackdown on the Palestinians in the West Bank.

Meanwhile, at the United Nations, Jordan submitted a resolution to the U.N. Security Council Thursday night denouncing Israeli actions on the occupied West Bank and calling on Israel to rescind its removal of three Arab mayors. The draft also calls on Israel to cease all measures in the West Bank, including Jerusalem, and on the Syrian Golan Heights, that contravene the provisions of the 1949 Geneva Convention.

Iranians say aim of war is to oust Iraqis

TEHRAN, April 2 (AFP) — Iran has multiplied assurances that it has no claim on Iraqi territory, with defense council spokesman Hojatolislam Hashzmi Rafsanjani saying Iran's Gulf war aim is to "expel Iraqi soldiers from its territory."

The Iranian news agency IRNA Friday quoted Rafsanjani, after a defense council session, as saying that Iran also wanted "punishment of the aggressor, compensation for damage and the return of refugees". Ayatollah Khomeini who also attended the defense council session, along with President Ali Khamenei — echoed the non-belligerent pledge in a speech marking the third anniversary Thursday of the proclamation of the Islamic Republic. "Iran wants war with nobody", he said.

The revolutionary guards' commander in Chief Mohsen Rezaei gave new details of the fath (victory) offensive late last month in which Iran recovered most of the border territory occupied for over a year by Iraq.

He said that the Iraqis opened the fighting, when Iran still needed a week to complete preparations for the offensive. The commander admitted that Iran had suffered heavy losses in the first day's fighting, and had been in some tight corners.

Ben Bella annoys France

PARIS, April 2 (R) — The French government has indicated its annoyance with former Algerian President Ahmad Ben Bella for accusing the current Algerian government of corruption and inefficiency while visiting France.

A spokesman for the external relations ministry said France had noted Algiers' objections and that political personalities

should be reserved about making such comments. Ben Bella, who has been traveling in France on a diplomatic passport, has used the French media to state that 20 years of independence for the former French colony have had a negative effect on its economy.

He has also criticized the Algiers government for the economic policies it followed after he was ousted as Algerian president in a bloodless coup 17 years ago by his then defense minister, Houari Boumedienne. Algerian newspapers have accused Ben Bella of harboring ambitions of returning to power.

France has recently been trying to improve relations with Algeria and last February agreed to buy large quantities of natural gas from it at subsidised prices.

Tunisia arrests six rebels trained by Libya

TUNIS, April 2 (R) — Tunisian authorities arrested six young armed Tunisian rebels alleged to have been trained in Libya as they entered the country from Algeria last month, diplomatic sources have said.

They said the authorities seized weapons and explosives when they captured them in the Kasserine area of western Tunisia, 12 days ago. Tunisian officials declined to comment on the report. A Libyan-trained guerrilla of Tunisian rebels attacked the southern mining town of Gabès in 1980.

The Gabès raid led to a worsening in relations between Libya and Tunisia.

BRIEFS

DAMASCUS (R) — At an emergency meeting in Eritrea, the Eritrean Liberation Front-Revolutionary Council (ELF-RC) has chosen Abdullah Idris, a 38-year-old soldier, to replace Ahmad Nasser as executive committee chairman. It represents a come-back for Idris, who was thrown off the executive committee in a reshuffle last November after 10 years as ELF-RC chief of staff.

MANAMA (AP) — The six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) may adopt the cause of the Eritrean Liberation Front (ELF) at the United Nations, according to Osman Saleh, chairman of the front's central and executive committees.

ROME (AP) — The U.N. World Food Program Friday announced additional emergency food aid worth \$2.8 million for refugees in Somalia.

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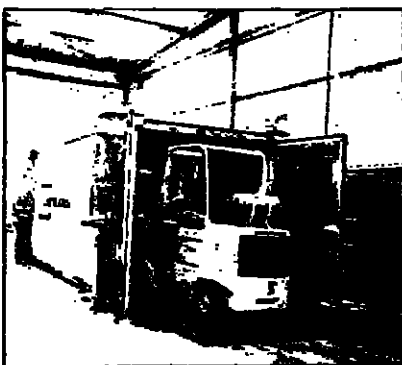
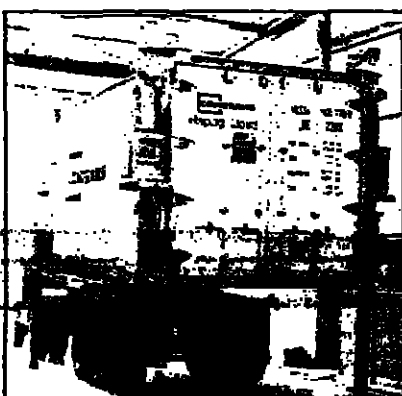
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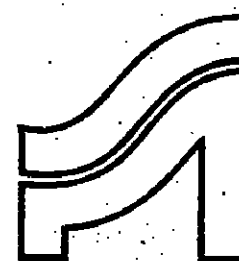
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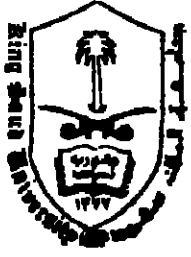
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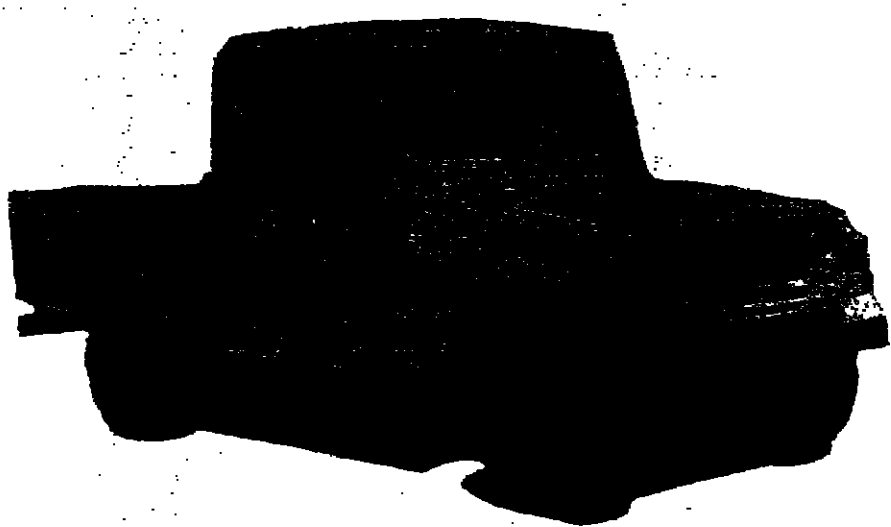
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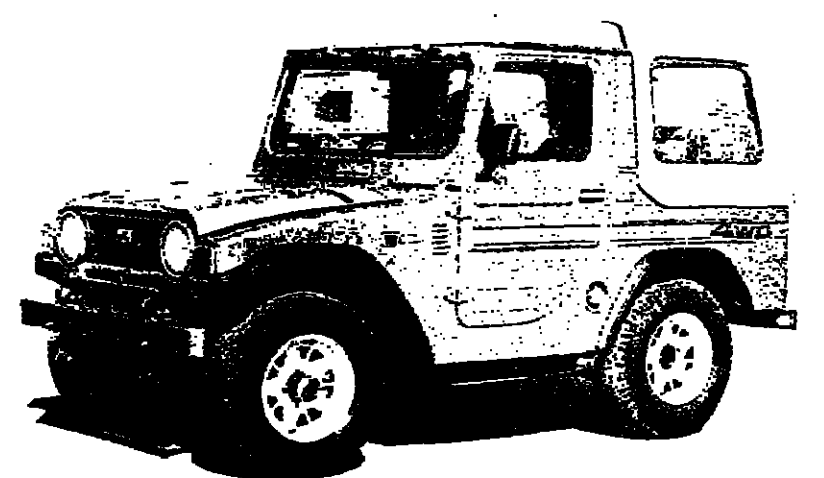
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MUTED U.S. REACTION

In exactly three weeks time, the Israelis are to hand over the rest of Sinai to Egypt. Israel's Defense Minister Sharon was due in Cairo this week to discuss outstanding details, but has declined on grounds of other engagements as well as the unfinished work of his "experts."

The reports from Washington indicate the American administration's increasing worry at this and other signs of Israel's restiveness at the prospect of withdrawal. The American leadership is said to be doing its best to prevent its worries from becoming public, as it thinks this would only exacerbate the situation. The same consideration, it is said, is muting its reaction to the wave of Israeli repression in the West Bank. The assurances given to Israel by America's ambassador to the United Nations are also said to be similarly motivated.

Washington's aim appears to be getting the withdrawal from Sinai out of the way with the minimum of fuss, so that the negotiations over the other part of the Camp David accords, that concerned with Palestinian "autonomy," could be resumed. The talks have stalled following the refusal of Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak to put occupied Jerusalem on his itinerary when he was to visit Israel, causing the disagreement which canceled the visit. Washington hopes to arrange for a meeting early next month, to give at least an appearance of motion for this part of the "peace process."

Washington expects the coming few weeks to be difficult, and not merely in relation to the situation in the Middle East. But observers have, nevertheless, noticed that its muted reaction to Israeli oppression of the Palestinians cannot but undermine its noisy championing of the cause of freedom and self-determination for other nations.

Saudi Arabian press review

The continuation of the heroic Palestinian revolt against Zionist repression and criminal acts in the occupied Arab lands and the 18-month-old Iraqi-Iranian war drew editorial comments in Friday's newspapers.

On the overwhelming Palestinian resistance in the occupied Arab territories, *Al-Jazirah* called on the Arab leaders to adhere to Arab solidarity and collective action "so as to realize their prime strategic goal and liberate their occupied lands from the Zionist occupation."

"An immediate implementation of the decisions of the Arab foreign ministers in Tunis will be a practical step toward a collective Arab action for providing effective moral and material backing to the Palestinian people's uprising," the paper said.

"Sincere and full adherence to Arab resolutions will realize our prime strategic goal, namely liberating Arab territories and recovering usurped rights, including Palestine with its all-time eternal capital, Jerusalem," it added.

On the same subject, *Okaz* called on the Muslim nation to react to the Organization of Islamic Conference's call for full backing to the heroic struggle of the Palestinian people against oppressive Israeli practices in the West Bank

and Gaza Strip.

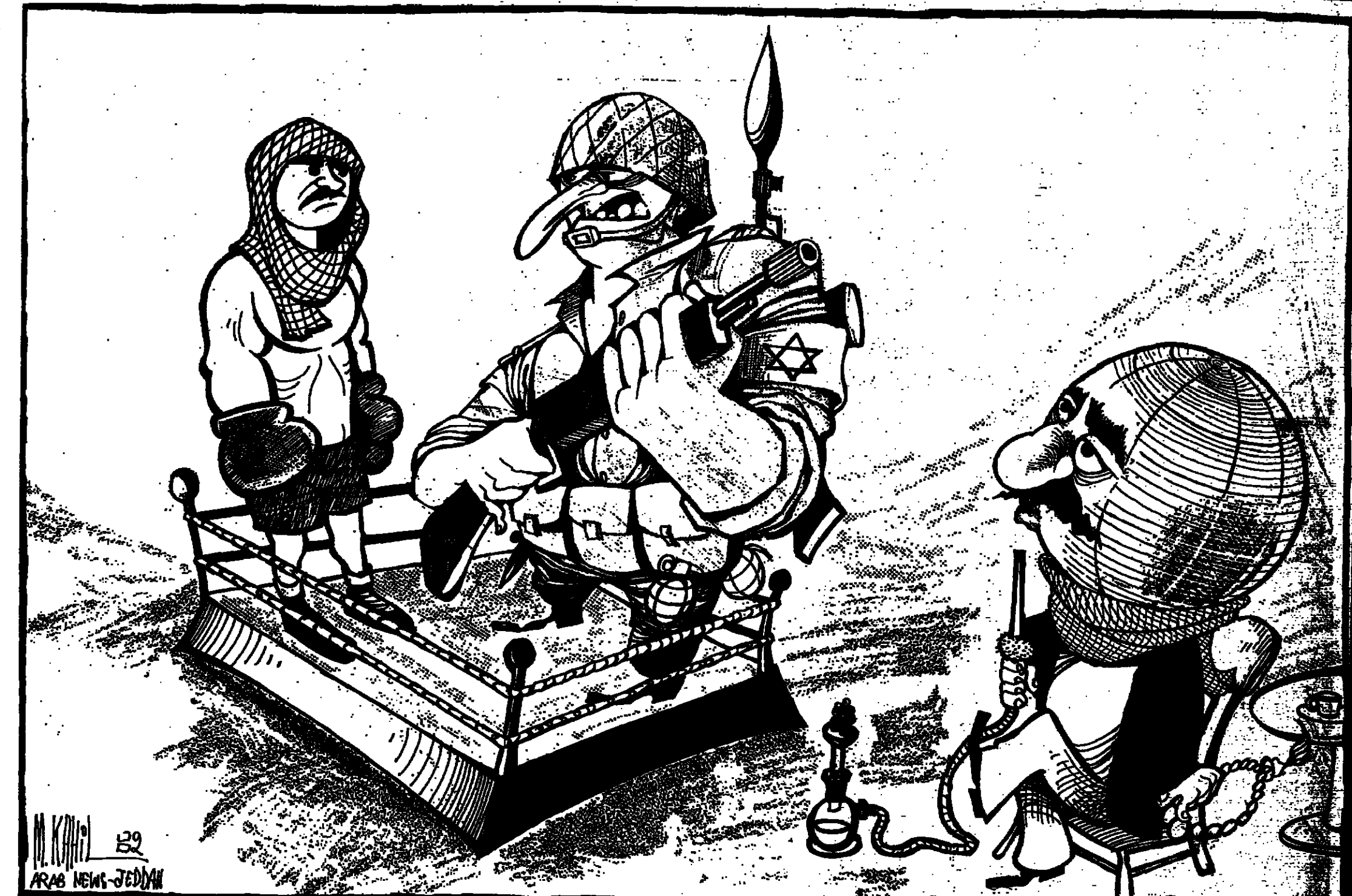
The paper urged the Islamic world and all peace-loving nations to deplore the criminal Zionist acts in the occupied Arab lands and to establish a constructive dialogue with the big powers to convince them "to abandon their blind partiality to the Zionist entity and back the legitimate Arab rights."

It also called on the Arab and Muslim states to provide more aid and support to "the Jerusalem fund" and urgently implement resolutions of the Taif's Islamic summit calling for establishing an Islamic office for boycotting the Zionist entity's activities all over the world.

Al-Madinah accused the Soviet Union and the United States of encouraging the continuation of the Iraqi-Iranian war and urged the two warring Muslim states to let the Quran judge between them.

The paper drew the attention of the two conflicting countries that their war would bring them no gains "but would only damage their potentials and capabilities."

"These huge capabilities should be directed against the Muslims' common enemy, namely the Zionist entity," it said. (SPA)



Nuclear arms freeze key to reductions

EDITOR'S NOTE: Paul C. Warnke was director of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency in the Carter administration.

By Paul C. Warnke

President Reagan and his colleagues have tried summarily to dismiss and discredit calls for a nuclear arms freeze. But the criticisms aren't convincing and the issue won't go away.

Various arguments have been offered in opposition to a freeze. Some opponents have said that it would reward the Soviets for their massive overall missile buildup and leave the United States at a continuing strategic nuclear disadvantage. Some such arguments focus just on the intermediate-range nuclear forces in the European theater, now the subject of negotiations in Geneva, and point out that there the Soviets have about 300 SS-20 missiles while NATO has nothing comparable.

But what is being called for is a general freeze of any further nuclear weapons testing, production and deployment. And in the overall strategic balance there is certainly no Soviet advantage. In the

most significant respects, such as survivability, the edge is America's. If an immediate freeze could miraculously be achieved, the existing situation of mutual deterrence would be preserved. Neither side could possibly anticipate profiting from the initiation of a nuclear war. The country attacked would retain the capability to inflict comparable devastation on its attacker.

Opponents of a freeze insist that it is not good enough, and that what we want and need are substantial reductions. But if the goal is fewer nuclear weapons on both sides, that goal can't be reached by adding new weapons as old ones are eliminated. And the call for a freeze is a call for a ban on additional weapons, obviously not a demand that the two nuclear superpowers maintain their present grossly excessive levels.

A nuclear weapons freeze is not, of course, the complete answer. But, at a minimum, it would mean that the United States and the Soviet Union would not continue to add to the problem and to the peril. A freeze is the necessary partner of reductions.

Moreover, the implementation of a freeze could logically begin with the prompt completion of the

comprehensive test ban treaty that has been under negotiation with the Soviet Union and the United Kingdom since mid-1977. All that now stands in the way of an agreed-on total ban on nuclear explosions is the necessary political will. Such a comprehensive test ban would be a major step in controlling nuclear arms and discouraging the proliferation of new nuclear-weapons states.

The attempt to equate the freeze proposals with President Leonid I. Brezhnev's recent initiative is without merit. His announcement is limited to intermediate-range missiles and is not a freeze at all, but simply a statement that any additional SS-20s will be deployed on their mobile launchers in the non-European part of the Soviet Union.

A more sophisticated and rational argument against a nuclear freeze is that some of the programs that the United States is currently undertaking would in fact increase the survivability of U.S. deterrent without adding to a destabilizing counterforce threat against the Soviet deterrent. But there is, I am quite confident, no risk that we will arrive at a negotiated, bilateral, verifiable freeze too soon. The deployment of air-launched Cruise missiles

on U.S. strategic-bomber force and the addition of the longer-range Trident I submarine-launched ballistic missile are too far along to be cut off. Indeed, an exception could be made for them if necessary. The freeze resolution proposed in the last month in Congress specifically provides that the United States and the Soviet Union will decide "when and how" to achieve a freeze. It might be agreed also that the Soviet can move a large share of their allowed limit of strategic-nuclear delivery vehicles to their ballistic-missile submarine force, with compensating cuts in the more destabilizing land-based launchers of intercontinental missiles with multiple warheads.

The nuclear weapons freeze proposals do not purport to write the detailed text of a treaty. They reflect the deep concern of the American public, the European anti-nuclear weapon movement reflects the deep concern there, about the growing danger of nuclear war. What possibly can be won with heading the call stopping the arms race and proceeding with substantial reductions? I haven't yet heard a good answer. I don't think there is one. (LAT)

Mrs. Gandhi faces tough electoral battle in West Bengal

By Rajendra Bajpai

India's Supreme Court cleared the way for elections this summer in West Bengal state, signaling the start of a bitter electoral battle between the ruling Marxists and Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

The Supreme Court dismissed a challenge to the electoral rolls by Mrs. Gandhi's Congress (I) Party which the Marxists said was an attempt to delay elections. The Congress (I) in West Bengal is split by internal dissension and factionalism and Mrs. Gandhi will need more than her personal popularity to win in this state of 44 million people.

The Marxist Communist Party (CPM), which dominates the left front alliance ruling the state from Calcutta, seems to have established itself as the most powerful political force in West Bengal. "Our organization is in poor shape," says Subrata Mukherjee, one of the top Congress (I) leaders in

West Bengal, adding: "We can't even say who will be our leader or who will be our chief minister, if we win."

Another five-year term for the West Bengal Marxists and their allies would ensure that Mrs. Gandhi's party is kept out of power in one of the few states it does not control. Ever since Mrs. Gandhi returned to national power in January 1980, the Marxist-led state government has lived with the fear that attempts would be made to dislodge and impose presidential rule from New Delhi.

Recently, the Congress (I) challenged the electoral rolls prepared by the state government, alleging that these had been rigged by removing names of known opponents of the Marxist government. But the Supreme Court this week dismissed a petition challenging the rolls, and this caused a further setback to Mrs. Gandhi's party. No election date

has yet been announced but it is expected before June.

Subrata Mukherjee says that fair elections in the state are not possible while the Marxists are in power. "It will be very difficult to get votes cast in our favor," he adds, implying the state government machinery will go all out to help the Marxists.

While other political parties including the Congress (I) have still to prepare for the poll, the CPM has launched its campaign. In the heart of Calcutta, the state's Marxist Chief Minister, Jyoti Basu addressed a public meeting last week which was attended by an estimated half-a-million people.

Basu, 68, a London-trained lawyer, made a scathing attack on Mrs. Gandhi, accusing her of attacking democracy and attempting to influence judges to obtain favorable verdicts.

In 1978, the Marxists and their allies won 223 of

the 294 seats in the West Bengal state assembly with the Congress (I) taking only 22 seats. In the past five years, the CPM has consolidated its gains by enlarging its membership in the rural areas and by introducing land reforms. These measures have helped nearly eight million families and on the strength of their support, the CPM claims to dominate 29,000 of the village councils in the state.

In India, the CPM has made significant gains in the past five years. Traditionally, their influence was confined largely to the southern state of Kerala. But in 1977, at a time when Mrs. Gandhi's popularity was at a low ebb because of her emergency rule, the CPM won in West Bengal while the not Communist Janata Party triumphed elsewhere in the country.

Six months after its victory in West Bengal, the CPM also won in Tripura in the northeast bordering Bangladesh. CPM central committee member Sarit Mukherjee said this party's record so far was excellent. "The law and order situation is good, not a single Harijan (untouchable) has been persecuted in West Bengal like in Congress (I) dominated Bihar and Uttar Pradesh states."

He added: "There is complete polarization in West Bengal. Only the CPM and the Congress matter here." — (R)

Reagan links El Salvador aid to reforms

By Bob Horton

WASHINGTON — President Reagan has demonstrated further evidence of Washington's growing unease over the possibility of an ultra-rightist government taking power in El Salvador.

While expressing pleasure at the large voter turnout in Sunday's elections in the Central American state, Reagan issued a cautiously-phrased warning that the U.S. government would be unable to support an administration which ignored social reform.

Asked at a press conference Wednesday night whether his administration could back a government headed by Roberto d'Aubuisson, a right-wing former army major, Reagan said: "It would give us great difficulty if a government appeared on the scene that totally turned away from the reforms that were instituted."

D'Aubuisson, described by former U.S. ambas-

sador to El Salvador Robert White as a "pathological killer," is considered by some members of the U.S. Congress to be responsible for much of the right-wing violence in the country.

Some U.S. critics fear a government headed by him would bring a new level of violence if he fulfilled a promise to crush leftist guerrilla forces unless they put down their arms. The current U.S. ambassador, Deane Hinton, was reported Wednesday night to have warned d'Aubuisson that U.S. aid to El Salvador could be jeopardized if he became president. This was not publicly confirmed by the State Department, which said the United States was not attempting to play the role of a political power broker in El Salvador.

Washington's favored candidate for the Salvadoran leadership is the incumbent president, Jose Napoleon Duarte, whose centrist Christian Democrats won 40 percent of the votes in last Sunday's poll. But the balance of the votes went to five parties

on the right who were discussing an alliance to boot Duarte out of office even before the vote counting was final.

If Duarte goes, so may a series of social and economic reform measures which the U.S. State Department says must be carried out if a new government is to retain Washington's support.

State Department spokesman Dean Fischer told reporters: "We consider it essential that whatever government emerges be committed to... land reform, the creation of democratic institutions, restoration of the rule of law and elimination of human rights abuses."

Duarte's government had pursued reforms as a means of undercutting the leftists in El Salvador and also to meet U.S. conditions for economic and military assistance. El Salvador is receiving hundreds of millions of dollars in U.S. aid, which could end if the right-wing parties ignored Washington's concerns and installed a repressive regime.

Basques braced for renewed violence

By Trevor Grove

BILBAO — The funeral cortege which carried the coffins of two murdered police inspectors through the streets of Bilbao last week brought renewed murmurs from the crowds of onlookers lining the pavements. The renewed outbreak of terrorism which began over a month ago with the kidnapping of pop-singer Julio Iglesias's father is now definitely under way. The Basques are braced for the worst.

During the past three weeks three policemen have been brutally gunned down. In the attack last week, when a group of off-duty officers were machinegunned over lunch in a Bilbao restaurant, a foreigner (a Uruguayan English teacher) was also shot dead. The previous week another policeman died at terrorist hands in what the Basques know as Northern Euskadi, otherwise the Basque region of

the South of France. Until earlier this year, the truce declared by the more moderate wing of the ETA — the "Poli-Milis" — in the wake of the attempted Tejero coup last February had held. Though the even more extreme ETA Militar had continued their campaign, the level of violence had noticeably subsided.

Now the similar cycle of terrorism leading to police repression leading to more terrorism is likely to begin again. By the time the England soccer team flew in for a pre-World Cup friendly match against the local Bilbao team last month, the police presence was already a great deal more visible than it had been a few days earlier.

Machinegun toting policemen stood at street corners; after the match two armored cars nosed their way through the crowds to hisses and jeers, guns fanning over the head of the well-behaved

fans. All this increased anti-terrorist activity notwithstanding, Prime Minister Calvo Sotelo narrowly missed a beating outside the church recently where he had been attending the funeral service of the two policemen. Friends of the victims and right-wingers among the mourners screamed abuse at him for being too soft on terrorism.

The new wave of violence may conceivably have something to do with two current events that are of strong emotional significance to the Basques: the grindingly long trial in Madrid of Tejero and his co-conspirators of the Feb. 23 golpe, where it is widely believed the army court will reach an excessively lenient judgment; and the agreement signed recently between Madrid and the Basque region's autonomous government to go ahead with the nuclear power station at Lemoz. (ONS)

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1930 — Ras Tafari becomes Emperor Haile Selassie of Abyssinia (Ethiopia).

1941 — British troops evacuate Libyan port of Benghazi during World War II.

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1974 — Some 1,648 passengers are rescued from crippled liner *Queen Elizabeth II* after being adrift in Atlantic Ocean for two days.

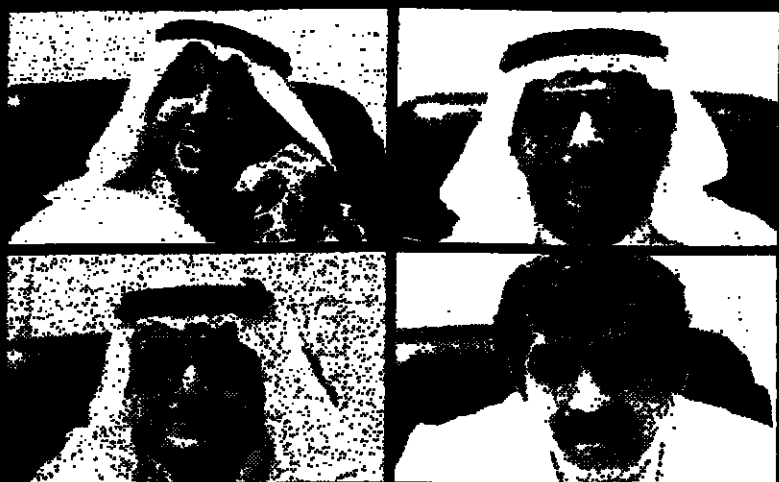
1979 — Pakistan's former Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto ousted in coup 21 months earlier, executed by hanging.

1981 — White House officials warn the Soviet Union again that any attempt to intervene militarily in Poland's labor unrest would have grave consequences.

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To forget or not?

Forgetfulness often serves as a 'safety valve'

By Y. Tahir

JEDDAH — Many persons like to stuff their heads with a lot of useless information. All this is not really necessary. As a matter of fact, we would be better off without much of this type of information. If you've forgotten some of the things listed below, which can never be considered vital, your tranquility and joy in life will not diminish. Your happiness might even increase if you disburden your mind of the unnecessary load.

1. If you can't remember who wrote *Hamlet*, don't take it to heart. Such controversial plays are best left alone. It is not wise to meddle with what doesn't concern you. Such a piece of writing couldn't have been a source of pride for any writer. It wouldn't be very creditable if you tried to claim responsibility for its authorship. Even if you aren't sure, don't acknowledge it. However, "to be or not to be ..." can be applied to a wide range of situations, therefore, never hesitate to use those words whenever the urge to do so grips you.

Note: Six writers' syndicates and three

schools of writing have claimed to have written the play so far. More confessions are likely to follow. It is interesting, though, to know that no computer is said to have been associated with this project.

2. You'll not find it to your disadvantage if you, happened to forget, incidentally to repay your loan on the promised date. If you repeat this performance two or three times in a row, a thorough gentleman will be too ashamed to demand his money back.

Remember, the lender who starts demanding it himself may not be so gentlemanly. It is best to ignore such people. If his unerring nose smells you out in your hideout, it shouldn't prove too difficult to convince him that you are not at home, maybe not even in town.

The same strategy can be applied if you want to retain borrowed books. Some books may be too precious to be restored to their original owners. But, if the owner doesn't allow you any peace and pesters you to return the book, you can, without the loss of appearance, exclaim with innocent surprise, "The

book! which book! Oh, I see. Extremely sorry! Forgot all about it. Will definitely remember to bring it tomorrow." And you can let tomorrow take care of itself.

3. Some rash promises made in the heat of passion should best remain forgotten. Many a man has ruined himself because he couldn't remember to forget his commitment and obligations. Success lies in the opposite direction.

4. If you've forgotten which birds are mammals and which mammals are birds, don't you worry. It is not a "profit or loss" proposition. After all in the advanced societies of the West, it is becoming increasingly difficult to know a man from a woman because of the uniformity in clothes. Similarly many people may not be able to recall whether a sea-horse is as big as a horse or small like an insect. Likewise, it may not prove worth your while to remember in which month the mayfly is born. It'll be perfectly all right if the memory of somebody shows a blank if he comes across the name of the now extinct bird "Dodo".

5. Can you confidently recall what or where Guadalupe is? Don't worry! If you've misplaced it today you'll find it tomorrow. Don't feel too proud if you still retain in your mind the names of the longest river, the highest mountain or the deepest ocean. Even the kids of today scoff at this type of information. Talk to them of adventures in space.

6. Do you still remember whether it was Iliad who wrote Homer or vice versa? Even if you forget that, it'll do you no harm to know that one wrote the other. But you might just as well be able to recall what Oedipus did, complex or no complex!

7. Even though you may not be able to recall the word "Abracadabra" don't blame your memory. You know that the only possible meaning of a word like that can be nothing but abracadabra. Rest assured, that it won't make the slightest difference if the word on checking up is found to mean something else. How many of the long, difficult and high-sounding words can you still recall with confidence?

8. It is not necessary to remember the crammed up chemical equations of school days. The same way much of mathematics, geometry, calculus, trigonometry and many other subjects and branches of knowledge of which you were the reluctant recipient in days gone by, should no longer retain a place in the memory. Most of this knowledge finds no practical use in our daily lives, except perhaps to do the homework for the kids.

9. Many people treat their minds as if they were computers. Instead of allowing their imagination to soar, they reduce their minds to the level of birth, marriage or death registers of their families. They are good at recalling dates — especially from history. It is immaterial if you are able to or unable to recall the date of birth of Ghengis Khan or the date of death of Attila the Hun — Do you think it would have been better for humanity if one were born before the other?

10. Some people are the walking encyclopedias of sports. You can ask them about any event, dates, records in high jump, long jump or any other event. They know about the athletes and outstanding sportsmen in various fields.

Such an excellent memory might come in handy if you're appointed as the commentator of some international meet, the chances of which don't look very good.

11. Nobody's health is known to have improved only because he remembers that sodium chloride is the name for common salt. The knowledge that yoghurt is acidic and milk is alkaline does not increase or decrease the intake of calories.

Remember that anything you forget may not have been worth remembering in the first place. Forgetfulness acts as a safety valve by unstraining our otherwise highly strung nerves.

By Peter J.

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Dear Dr. Steincrohn: I perspire a lot and on hot, humid days, I can't wait until I empty a glass or two of ice cold water, tea or lemonade. My wife tells me that taking ice cold drinks when hot is dangerous. Is this some new-fangled idea? For years my dad used to drink ice cold water in the hottest weather and he lived to be 89. I'd like your observations. — Mr. D.

Dear Mr. D.: I am not aware of any proof that drinking very cold drinks in hot weather is harmful. Nevertheless, I advise patients to empty the glass slowly and not gulp down iced drinks when overheated. For no other reason than moderation is the best policy. Like not swallowing tea or soup that's too hot.

I think you'll be interested in some advice I came across that appeared in the JAMA 75 years ago. It was addressed to pharmacists:

"Of course, there are objections to the ice cold character of the beverage, especially in the heated months when large quantities of such ice cold drinks are consumed, but since I know of no way to raise the temperature of the beverage without disappointing the consumer and injuring the business, I shall content myself by urging on the pharmaceutical profession the necessity of inducing their customers to drink slowly and deliberately, thus adding to the pleasure of the consumer and detracting nothing from the profit of the dispenser. It might be well if above each soda water fountain should be hung a placard, so that all should see: 'Full many a man, both young and old, has gone to his sarcophagus/By pouring water icy cold/Adown his hot esophagus'."

MEDICALLETES

(Replies to and from readers)

For Mrs. H.: Dear Grandma: I can't possibly make a diagnosis of

your 32-year-old granddaughter's problem from way back here. Nevertheless, I can tell you this: any patient who complains of rapid heart beat, heart poundings, nervousness and loss of over 20 pounds within a few months certainly deserves medical investigation.

My hunch is that one should not overlook the possibility of hyperthyroidism. There may be other reasons. I hope you can convince her to see her doctor.

For Mrs. K.: Looking for a "balanced" diet? Here are your basic groups to choose from for good nourishment. They provide protein for maintenance of tissue and growth, and fats and carbohydrates for energy.

Meats, poultry and fish are mainstays of protein. Others are dried peas, nuts, dried beans and eggs. They also supply iron, thiamine, riboflavin, niacin, and other vitamins and minerals.

In addition to cereals and breads that are whole grain or enriched noodles, spaghetti, flour, rice, contain protein, iron and several of the B vitamins.

All fruits and vegetables are a good source of vitamins, minerals and fiber. Broccoli, carrots, sweet potatoes are rich in vitamin A — which is needed for healthy skin and vision. Large amounts of vitamin C are found in oranges, grapefruit, brussels sprouts and collard greens.

Dairy products, including whole, evaporated, skim and dry forms of milk, is the most common source of calcium. Cheeses, ice cream are additional sources.

Butter, fats and other oils, including sugars, provide needed calories for energy in the form of fats and carbohydrates.

TOMORROW: Senior citizens BAH!



NEW COMEDY FILM: Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau recently completed their third film together called, 'Buddy Buddy'. The movie, directed by Hollywood veteran Billy Wilder casts Matthau as an aging 'hit man', with only one more contract to carry out before he retires to the South Seas. Lemmon is his clumsy, hapless buddy who lives next door.

Waning interest in teaching becoming a global concern

By Manuel Cordovez

HONG KONG (Depthnews) — Low morale and decreasing interest in teaching as a profession have become a major concern of both developed and developing countries. As the International Labor Organisation (ILO) puts it, "national reports are increasingly noting a malaise which is resulting in refusals to take up teaching jobs and a tendency for veteran teachers to withdraw from the profession altogether."

An ILO meeting on work conditions of teachers attributed the malaise to a combination of factors which includes increased work-related pressures, concern over employment security and what teachers perceive as a lessening of support for education by political authorities, parents and the local community.

Two major factors appear to have influenced in differing ways employment trends for teachers in the developed and developing world, says ILO. These are birth rates and reduction in educational expenditure.

In developed countries, falling birth rates have reduced enrolments, particularly in primary schools. Pressures have also been exerted for the closure of classes and schools and the reduction in the number of teachers.

Increasing birth rates in developing countries, on the other hand, coupled with greater

efforts to achieve universal primary education, have increased demands for teacher and pressure on school facilities, resulting in overcrowded classes and strains on educational budgets.

The impact on employment of these budgetary strains, notes the U.N. agency, has been most severe on the developed world already affected by falling enrolment. Developing countries are also left to cope with ever increasing school population and restricted educational budgets.

"Restrictions on expenditure are moreover, occurring at a critical period when concepts of education are evolving," say ILO. "Consequently, teachers are faced with increasing workload requirements at a time when the resources needed to meet these demands are not forthcoming."

In general, it was observed that the teaching shortage problem, common to almost all countries between 1950 and 1960, has now become a "surplus" problem in developed nations.

Substantial and rising unemployment rates have been reported in many industrialized countries where the numbers of teaching posts are being reduced.

The ILO meeting also observed that, while teaching hours have not been increased, duties related to teaching and even non-teaching obligations are greater.



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State poll expected to hit Fraser party

SYDNEY, April 2 (R) — An election in the southern state of Victoria Saturday is expected to sweep the opposition Labor Party into power and unleash a powerful challenge to the leadership of Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser. Political analysts and all opinion polls published since the campaign began have predicted that Labor will end 27 years of rule by Fraser's Liberal Party in Victoria Saturday.

Such a defeat, coming after a nine percent swing against the Liberals in a Sydney by-election last month, would send shock waves through the party. Fraser and his national government would be bound to attract some of the blame. A blow of this magnitude to Fraser, 51, is exactly the kind of opportunity which his archenemy, former Foreign and Industrial Relations Minister Andrew Peacock, has been waiting for since acrimoniously resigning a year ago.

Peacock has been waiting in the wings, quietly building support since he resigned.

But political observers agree that he would lose credibility if he did not move after the predicted setback in Victoria. In the words of one senior Liberal the charismatic Peacock, known as the "Sunlamp Kid" because of his perennial tan, must "put up or shut up."

The Fraser camp claims Peacock has nowhere near enough support to topple the prime minister. Peacock's backers say the opposite, claiming he is only about five votes away from the 41 he needs to win a ballot of the 81 Liberal members of the House of Representatives and senators.

Peacock's challenge is expected to be made on or perhaps before April 21, when the Liberals hold their first meeting after a recess of parliament. In the intervening period turmoil is expected in the Liberal Party, which rules Australia in coalition with the National Country Party. Fraser's survival seems closely linked with the scale of the expected defeat at the hands of the 2.5 million electors in Victoria.

Gromyko visit tomorrow

Soviets befriend Yugoslavs

BELGRADE, April 2 (R) — Yugoslav leaders will stress their independent line on international issues when Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko arrives Sunday for the first visit by a top Soviet official since the death of President Tito.

Official sources, who say the visit will contribute to the development of friendly relations and cooperation between the two countries, make it clear that despite Moscow's displeasure Belgrade will not change its independent position. Nonaligned Yugoslavia's criticism of Soviet policies in Indochina, Moscow's military intervention in Afghanistan, the Polish crisis and Kremlin's attacks on the Italian Communist Party have clearly angered Moscow.

The Kremlin leaders, who regard the Balkans as their sphere of influence, have been meeting tough Yugoslav opposition to what Belgrade sees as Soviet expansionism and desire to dominate ever since Yugoslavia broke with the Soviet Union in 1948 to pursue fiercely independent policies. This and Belgrade's traditional suspicions of the Moscow has often in the past led to strained

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This and Belgrade's traditional suspicion of Moscow has often in the past led to strained relations between the two states and harsh ideological battles between their ruling Communist parties. But neither side appears to want an open confrontation now when the Soviet Union is struggling with the Polish, Afghan and other problems and Yugoslavia has serious economic difficulties.

"We both know where we stand. We hope to clarify and resolve some of our differences, but more differences, but more difficult ones will have to wait better times," a Yugoslav official said. An Eastern diplomat in Belgrade said there were many issues on which the two sides agreed and there was no need to bring differences into the open.

During his two-day visit, Gromyko will have talks with Foreign Minister Josip Vrhovc and meet with Yugoslav Communist party President Dusan Dragosavac, Prime Minister Veselin Djuranovic and President Sergej Kraikher.

Joke costs Greek his job

ATHENS, April 2 (AFP) — An April Fools' Day joke by Greek national radio backfired, with the dismissal of the program's producer and filing of a lawsuit against the station for "broadcasting false news".

The people of Athens were thrown into confusion for two hours Thursday morning when the radio broadcast a "special message" every five minutes, saying the Athens pollution level was so high that Athenians must immediately leave their homes for the country. The broadcast told mothers to collect their children from school and announced that the Environment Ministry was holding an extraordinary session to deal with the situation.

The broadcast caused such panic and protest that the radio director offered his resignation, which was rejected by the secretary of state for press and information, Dimitris Maroudas. But the producer responsible for the joke was fired, and the Athens solicitor general started legal action for "moral prejudice." One Athenian is claiming 50 million drachmas (\$3,000) in damages against the radio station for "moral prejudice."

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20 Brigades men held

ROME, April 2 (AFP) — Some 20 suspected terrorists, believed to belong to the Rome Brigades column, were arrested Friday after a vast police swoop that began in the early hours, a reliable source reported. The source said the arrests followed information obtained from repented Red Brigades members, allegedly including Antonio Savasta, arrested when Italian police recently freed Red Brigades kidnap victim U.S. Gen. James Dozier.

BRIEFS

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — Queen Beatrix has pardoned a Dutch-German war criminal who was recaptured last year after 30 years as a fugitive, a Justice Ministry official confirmed Friday. The pardon issued to Martinus Jacobs, 59, was the first given to a war criminal by Beatrix, who was crowned in April 1979. A source in the Justice Ministry said the pardon was given for reasons of ill health.

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope John Paul II will make a four-day visit to Portugal from May 12, the Vatican announced Friday. Vatican and Portuguese government officials have said previously that the pontiff would stay only one day in Portugal. But the papal itinerary released by the Vatican shows the Pope will spend four full days, visiting six cities.

ROME (AFP) — United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar arrived here Friday for a six-day visit to Italy, his first since his appointment on Jan. 4. He will have talks with President Sandro Pertini and Prime Minister Giovanni Spadolini, and pay two visits to the Vatican.

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (AP) — South Africa reacted positively to a revised election proposal offered Thursday by Western nations trying to negotiate independence for Namibia (Southwest Africa), the South Africa Press Association (SAPA) reported. However, SAPA also said Namibian guerrilla leader Sam Nujoma failed to show up at a scheduled parallel meeting in Angola on the

new proposal. Quoting sources in Cape Town, SAPA said diplomats from the five Western nations were gloomy at reports that Nujoma did not meet U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Chester Crocker in Luanda as planned.

MOSCOW (R) — Five Soviet men and women began a hunger strike in a Moscow apartment Friday to press their demands to be allowed to join their spouses in the West, friends of the group said. Plainclothes police prevented Western journalists from visiting the three men and two women, but they signaled from a window in the apartment that the protest had begun. The five have been waiting for up to six years for exit visas so they can join husbands and wives in the United States, West Germany and France.

MADRID (AFP) — Two more persons died in Spain late last month from the effects of the killer disease caused by adulterated rapeseed cooking oil, bringing the total of toxic syndrome victims to 268 since May 1 last year, officials said Friday. A total of 319 persons suffering from the toxic disease were currently undergoing hospital treatment in Spain, with 265 of these in Madrid hospitals, the officials said.

NEW DELHI (AFP) — Former Indian Foreign Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee Friday charged "large-scale infiltration from Bangladesh" into the northeastern Indian state of Bihar and urged the government to stop it "before it is too late."

Near nuclear test zone

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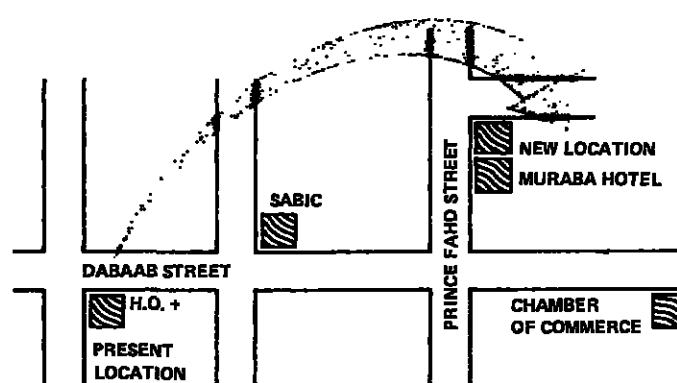
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Manufactured goods

U.S. share of exports declines

WASHINGTON, April 2 (AP) — Exports of manufactured goods by countries other than the United States increased during the third quarter of last year, while the U.S. share of world exports of these goods fell for the first time since the end of 1979, the U.S. Department of Commerce has reported.

Exports by the United States' competing nations rose by 1.4 percent in the third quarter over the second quarter following four successive quarterly declines, the department said.

Canada reported the largest increase in dollar-valued exports, a gain of seven percent. Italy and the United Kingdom each posted export gain value 5 percent range, while Japan and West Germany had gains of about 1 percent.

In contrast, Norway, Sweden, and Denmark reported declines of about 6 percent in dollar-valued exports, the Commerce Department said in a special report.

The "share" positions of the leading non-American manufacture suppliers, with few exceptions, showed only small changes in the third quarter over second quarter of 1981. Italy reported the largest share increase — up four-tenths share point to 8.4 percent. The British share also climbed significantly although no percentage figure was given in the report.

The positions of the United States' largest competitors showed little change: Japan's share edged up to 14.8 percent, while West Germany's standing held steady at 18.3 percent. The Netherlands' share had the biggest decline — down three-tenths of a share point to 4.1 percent.

The U.S. share of the world export market for manufactured goods declined one-half share point in the third quarter to 21.2 percent compared with the July-September period. The Commerce Department said the U.S. share loss "probably reflects a deterioration in export price competitiveness caused by the large appreciation of the dollar in 1980 and 1981."

The largest U.S. share loss occurred in transport equipment, with a decline of two full share points. The decline, which followed three consecutive quarters of strong gains, resulted from sharp drops in U.S. exports of aircraft and automotive products. Both Japan and West Germany recorded strong improvements in their standing. Japan's position jumped by more than two full share points from the second quarter to 21.9 percent. West Germany's share improved to

20.6 percent.

The United States' position also weakened substantially in the miscellaneous manufactures group, falling from 18.7 percent in the April-June period to 17.5 percent in the third quarter. U.S. exports fell significantly, including clothing, photographic supplies, and toys and games.

Italy and West Germany had the largest share increases with Italy's position improving to 16.1 percent and West Germany's to 15.4 percent. Japan's share in miscellaneous manufactured goods was little changed at 15.0 percent. In contrast, the French share of this commodity group fell by a full share point to 8.0 percent. In basic manufactures the U.S. share dropped to 11.9 percent. U.S. exports of textiles, paper products, iron and steel and non ferrous metals fell lower than in the previous three month period.

France, the United Kingdom and Belgium also saw their positions weaken. In contrast, the share of Japan and West Germany strengthened to 16.3 and 18.1 percent, respectively.

The only other U.S. share decline among major commodity groups occurred in non electric machinery which fell to 30.1 percent.

Poles still get low-cost food from EEC

BRUSSELS, April 2 (R) — The European Economic Community (EEC) is still making subsidized food sales to Poland, more than three months after the military clampdown, EEC sources said Friday.

As a protest against last December's declaration of martial law in Poland, the 10 Common Market countries decided in January to suspend new food sales at subsidized prices to Warsaw while keeping to ostensibly short-term contracts already signed.

They declined to switch money originally earmarked for food subsidies to non-government organizations such as the Red Cross and Caritas, for distribution of humanitarian aid to the Polish peoples. But the sources said senior EEC officials are still debating how to wrap up the community's obligation under sales contracts signed before the army takeover on Dec. 13, involving a package of about 125,000 tons of cereals, 5,000 tons of rice and 2,000 tons of milk powder. The package, known in official jargon as "tranche 3A" should have been sent in December.

For pipeline project

Russia seeks more bank aid

FRANKFURT, April 2 (R) — The Soviet Union has told West German banks it wants to increase the size of a loan that will help finance a pipeline to carry natural gas to Western Europe, banking sources have said.

But they said Thursday the banks had balked at Moscow's request that the credit be raised to 375 million marks (\$156 million) from the 300 million mark (\$125 million) level already under discussion.

Work has started in Siberia on the multi-billion dollar 4,500-kms (2,800-mile) pipeline which will take gas to customers in Western Europe. The project is scheduled to be completed by the end of 1984 and it could boost Moscow's foreign exchange earnings from gas to around \$8 billion by the end of the decade.

Firms in West Germany, Italy and Britain have won major contracts for the project and Moscow wants the credit to finance a down-payment on the scheme.

The sources said that talks on the original credit request has been stalled, largely because of a reluctance by West German bankers to increase their lending to Eastern Europe.

The banks are already committed to lending 2.2 billion marks (\$915 million) for the project, but this money will be backed by West German government export credit guarantees.

They added that some bankers argued that

the down-payment should be met from Moscow's own foreign currency reserves, although it had been agreed that the Soviet Union recently sought to delay payments for imports already delivered and sharply reduced its cash deposits with Western banks while making heavy gold sales early this year.

The sources did not expect an early agreement on Moscow's original loan request and said that the negotiations had been made less urgent because of U.S. opposition to the project.

Washington considers that the pipeline would make Western Europe too dependent on the Soviet Union for energy supplies.

Soviet gold sales touch 250t mark

FRANKFURT, April 2 (AFP) — The Soviet Union last year sold 250 tons of gold on the international market against 90 tons in 1980, a jump of 177 percent, the Desdner Bank said here Friday.

Wolfgang Roeller, a director of Desdner which is a leading West German gold trading bank, said the Soviet sales had helped to depress the gold market. Experts attributed the heavy Soviet selling to increased foreign currency needs, mainly to finance its aid to Poland and grain purchases from the United States.

Total gold sales last year were 1,205 tons from 675. Other Western countries sold 265 tons against previous 268 tons. Additional sales fell to 40 tons from 467 tons.

Bonn staff pay talks fail

STUTTGART, April 2 (R) — Pay talks for West Germany's 2.6 million public employees have collapsed and Interior Minister Gerhart Baum said he was calling in a mediator.

The biggest public service union, Oetv, said the talks had broken down because the federal and state governments refused to improve their offer of a two percent annual increase, coupled with a one percent all-round pay cut decided last year.

Oetv has demanded a 6.5 percent wage rise and rejected the government's plan, endorsed by parliament, to impose a pay cut.

Baum told reporters after the third round of talks collapsed in Stuttgart Thursday as the unions were being unrealistic and did not understand the government's budgetary problems.

Romania ups post rates

BUCHAREST, April 2 (AP) — Romania boosted domestic telephone and postal rates by up to 400 percent in what was the fifth round of major price increases this year, an official communiqué said Friday.

The communiqué, printed in Bucharest newspapers, also warned of increased domestic and international telex charges, effective April 1.

Telephone charges will be increased an average 66 percent for Romanians, and postal rates by up to 400 percent.

Fare-cut war augurs ill for U.S. airlines

By Tom Martella
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, April 2 — You needed about \$850 to fly round trip coast-to-coast not too long ago. Now, with airline deregulation crippling parts of the industry but delighting its passengers, you can climb aboard for under \$200.

That's what Texas International Airlines is quoting — \$98 one way, Baltimore to Los Angeles. That's the lowest, too, of a tangle of routes and fares that overall appear to be creeping higher with the onset of vacation times, but still make travel a bargain compared to the 1970s.

Fares then skyrocketed with just about everything else as energy costs swelled. In 1978, the government decided both to allow new airlines to enter the field and to ignore air fares. The result was a crop of regional carriers like new York Air, which collided with national carriers like Eastern and Trans World on popular routes. And the majors themselves entered a nationwide battle which quite soon might bankrupt one or more, mainly because of price slashing on longer flights.

"Right now it's a fantastic deal to the West Coast," said Kevin Durkin, who works for Travelogue, a Washington, D.C. agency. But there is another side: only slight declines, if any, in fares on the non-competitive routes. Said Durkin: "People flying to Charleston (West Virginia) or

Tulsa (Oklahoma) are paying full fares to support the cheap ones."

Those cheapies include what appears to be the April standard for a round trip between Washington and Los Angeles, \$358. That fare replaces the range from \$258 to \$334 that agencies and airlines were quoting this past week. American, United, and Trans World all reported those prices for the coming month.

From New York to California, it's even cheaper. United will fly you round trip for \$318 nonstop. So will Pan Am, but you must stop in Houston. And so will American, although if you don't mind flying at night, you could go for as little as \$288 on American. And who knows ... any of the others might on any given day be able to work something out to meet your budget or your commitments.

"There are a lot of ads so people are pretty familiar with flights," said an agent with Ober's travel agency in Washington. She explained that not only vacationers, but frequent business travelers, have become cost-conscious. "They are fare-conscious, absolutely," said Durkin. "We always ask what's more important, cost or convenience."

If it's cost to New York from the nation's capital now, for example, one agency said you can't beat New York Air. One of the regions that blossomed directly from deregulation, that carrier fills its coach seats at \$55 each one way weekdays from

Washington. On the weekend, noon Saturday to noon Sunday, the one-way fare drops to \$35. Eastern, a major carrier, is meeting the competition head on with identical fares.

"We have to quality everything we say these days," said Durkin of the changing fares. "We make it known that a fare is today's fare. It may go up tomorrow and we can't be liable for that." The Ober agency, like Durkin's Travelogue and most others, checks when reservations are made just to be sure information is up to date. Many of the special fares require advance booking anyway. Other restrictions and qualifications abound.

Air Florida, for instance, charges \$135 one way from New York's LaGuardia Airport to Miami, Fla. But from New Jersey's Newark Airport, just an hour or so from both Kennedy International and LaGuardia, the fare on Air Florida drops to \$109 one way on the weekends, and \$89 from Monday through Thursday.

Eastern, plying that route too, charges \$135 one way to and from all New York airports as its regular coach fare. But until April 25, those flying on Saturday can grab one-way tickets at \$75 each. From Washington, still more fluctuations exist. If you'll put up with a connection or a stop, normal \$135 fare drops to \$102 one way. Also on Eastern, a stop plus a round-trip commitment gets you to Miami and back to Washington on "simple saver" for \$178.

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Ecuador says firms demand oil price cut

QUITO, April 2 (R) — Ecuador has told its fellow OPEC members that it is under pressure from oil companies to reduce its oil prices, an oil ministry spokesman has said.

But the spokesman said Ecuador would not give into the pressure to cut its price from the current \$34.25 a barrel to as low as \$25 a barrel.

Ecuador said it had informed the organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries about moves being taken by the oil firms.

Saudi Arabia's Ahmad Zaki Yamani has said OPEC will step in to help Nigeria defend its oil prices in the face of pressure from companies who want Nigeria to lower its prices because of the world oil glut.

Ecuador produces 210,000 barrels of oil a day (bpd) and exports about 35 percent of this on long-term contracts. The Oil Ministry spokesman said the South Korean company Hyundai, which now buys 30,000 bpd, had offered \$27 a barrel for the second quarter of this year. He said the U.S. firm Citizens Energy had ceased purchases of 10,000 bpd from Ecuador in January, saying the price was too high.

Meanwhile, the Gulf oil Corporation facing OPEC's threat of being blacklisted and learning reprisals from Kuwait, is negotiating a compromise on its wish to phase out purchases of Nigerian oil, sources close to the

company say.

One source said Gulf, a major purchaser from Nigeria lost \$200 million by continuing to buy Nigerian oil for five months last year when it cost more than the world market price. "They cannot afford to do that again," he said.

The sources said Thursday that Gulf's need for Nigerian oil had been reduced by its move into the North Sea area where oil of similar quality now costs \$31 a barrel, \$4.50 less than Nigeria's.

They said a Gulf official now in Lagos had originally been instructed to tell the Nigerians that the company would suspend all shipments of Nigerian oil unless the price were reduced. But a source said strong threats from Kuwait which supplies Gulf with much of its oil, forced the company to change the official's instructions.

Kuwaiti Oil Minister Ali Khalifa Al-Sabah said last weekend that Western oil companies would face sanctions from the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) unless they stopped pressing Nigeria to cut its oil prices.

The sources said Gulf officials have not yet heard the outcome of Thursday's talks in Lagos but they expected the short-term result to be a compromise which satisfied neither side.

Joblessness in France records fall

PARIS, April 2 (R) — Unemployment in France fell below two million in March for the first time since October, according to provisional figures Friday which government officials said showed its policies were beginning to succeed.

The Labor Ministry said that unadjusted unemployment dropped nearly two percent to 1,966,000 in March from February's 2,003,800. However, when adjusted for seasonal variations, there was a rise of 0.7 percent to 1,969,000. Final figures are due in two weeks.

After breaking the two-million barrier in October, the number of people out of work peaked at 2,034,000 in January as the recession pushed up jobless figures to record levels throughout the European Common Market.

France's Socialist government has made the fight against unemployment its main economic priority and government officials said Friday its policies were beginning to work.

EEC nears farm price accord

BRUSSELS, April 2 (R) — The European Common Market farm ministers, apparently edging toward an outline accord on 1982 farm prices, Friday went into their third day of bargaining ahead of crucial weekend budget talks.

During 13 hours of negotiation Thursday, most governments voiced suggesting a 10.5 percent price rise for the community's eight million farmers this year.

France, Italy, Ireland and Greece called for more cash to be handed out to farmers under the EEC's system of guaranteed prices to compensate them for a steep fall in incomes.

But diplomats said they all accepted the compromise tabled by EEC Farm Commissioner Poul Dalsager as a basis for negotiation.

Britain, almost isolated in calling for the increase to be limited to single figures, also softened its stance. British Minister Peter Walker told reporters he hoped the broad outlines of an agreement could be reached before talks Saturday on Britain's demands for cash rebates on its contribution to the EEC budget.

As regards the dismantling of Monetary Compensatory Amounts (MCA's), Walker

said a majority of the delegations favored a compromise proposal put forward by the Netherlands.

This provides for a cut of 2.5 points in the West German MCA's which are eight percent, a cut of two points from four percent in the case of the Netherlands, and the maintaining of Britain's MCA's unchanged at 8.4 percent.

But France opposed this, and reiterated its call for West Germany's figure to be reduced by at least a half.

The dismantling of the positive MCA's is closely linked to negotiations on the farm price percentage increase. The commission's latest suggestion for this is 10.5 percent.

Walker ruled out a full agreement on farm prices until after the budget talks by EEC foreign ministers in Luxembourg. If they failed to meet Britain's demands, he said Britain would veto all farm price increases until a budget settlement was reached.

But he indicated that the farm ministers' talks could be far enough advanced to allow an accord early next week on farm prices if the foreign ministers agreed to grant cash rebates to Britain.

Recent uncompromising statements by French President Francois Mitterrand and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher foreshadowed solution Saturday, diplomats said. But they said progress on farm price could give some impetus toward settlement of a row that has soured relations between EEC governments for months.

London stock market

LONDON, April 2 (R) — The market was firm, but trading continued quiet and rises were exaggerated by the thin conditions, dealers said. At 1500 hours the Financial Times index was up 2.3 at 572.4.

Imperial group touched 100p after news of the sale of some trading interests, before settling at 98, 2p higher on balance. GEC rose 10p to 837 while Bowater and Plessey both gained 4p. Glaxo was up 6p ahead of Monday's interim results.

Gold shares ended mixed with a firmer bias while North Americans tended firmer.

The steadier tone of sterling helped government bonds but closing gains were limited to around 1/4 point, dealers said.

British Aerospace fell 2p on profit taking, but Babcock ended a penny higher at 113 after 110, both after reporting good 1981 results earlier this week.

Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):

London	328.25
Paris	334.07
Frankfurt	326.60
Zurich	327.50
Hong Kong	325.50

U.K. incurs \$237 million trade deficit

LONDON, April 2 (AP) — Exports fell and imports rose in January to send Britain's foreign trade into deficit of \$237.6 million from a hefty surplus the month before, the government announced Friday.

The January deficit was offset, however, the board of trade said, by a big rise in "invisible" earnings from such things as banking, insurance, freight and a refund of Britain's payments to the European Common Market.

Invisible earnings were set at 480 million pounds (\$864 million), converting a trade deficit of 132 million pounds (\$237.6 million) into a current account surplus of 348 million pounds (\$626.4 million), the board said.

Exports valued at 4.2 billion pounds (\$7.6 billion) were down sharply from 4.6 billion pounds (\$8.28 billion) in December, while imports rose from 4.3 billion pounds (\$7.7 billion) in December to 4.4 billion pounds (\$7.9 billion), the board said.

Taipei to boost equipment sales

TAIPEI, April 2 (CNA): Chinese machinery manufacturers are expecting to boost the export amount of whole plant equipment to \$300 million this year, representing a three-fold increase over the total of \$78 million in 1981.

A local trade mission comprising machinery manufacturers, and representatives of the China External Trade Development Council, and the Export-Import Bank of China has just concluded a successful trade promotion mission to Thailand and Indonesia. In the exhibitions of Taiwan-made whole plant equipment, the machinery manufacturers received orders amounting to \$28 million on the spot.

Members of the mission attributed the success to the loan support of the Export-Import Bank of China to help the buyers solve financial difficulties in making the purchase. The production facilities for plastic bag, motor parts, mosaic, and processed food maintain good market potential in the South-east Asian countries.

A source of the CETDC said that sales of whole plant equipment is an integrated operation consisting of hardware as well as software supply.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 2:30 p.m. Thursday

	CAMA	Cash	Transfer
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Belgian Franc (1,000)	—	279.00	
Canadian Dollar	—	142.50	
Deutsche Mark (100)	143.00	128.36	
Dutch Guilder (100)	128.65	128.36	
Egyptian Pound	3.40	3.72	
Emirates Dirham (100)	93.00	93.20	
French Franc (100)	35.00	34.85	
Greek Drachma (1,000)	52.50	54.41	
Indian Rupee (100)	—	36.58	
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—	
Iraqi Dinar	—	—	
Italian Lira (10,000)	26.30	26.00	
Japanese Yen (1,000)	—	13.95	
Jordanian Dinar	9.80	9.75	
Kuwaiti Dinar	11.95	11.55	
Lebanese Lira (100)	69.60	69.35	
Moroccan Dirham (100)	57.00	58.05	
Pakistan Rupee (100)	—	29.90	
Philippine Peso (100)	—	41.35	
Pound Sterling	6.16	6.13	
Qatari Riyal (100)	94.00	94.10	
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	160.87	
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	32.05	
Swiss Franc (100)	176.85	176.60	
Syrian Lira (100)	57.00	63.50	
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	—	
U.S. Dollar	3.429	3.422	
Yemeni Rial (100)	74.90	74.90	
Gold kg	36,300	36,200	
10 Tola bar	4,230	4,220	
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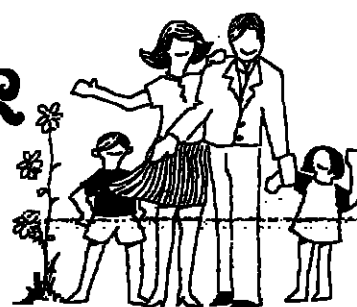
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With Johnson excelling as guard

Bucks' tactical move halts Hawks' flight

NEW YORK, April 2 (AP) — The Milwaukee Bucks, down to just two experienced guards after season-ending injuries to junior Bridgeman and Quinn Buckner, planned to play Marques Johnson in the backcourt for only a few minutes. Coach Don Nelson had to change his plans, but you won't find him complaining.

Johnson, a former National Basketball Association All-star forward who has been fighting a season-long slump, broke loose with 30 points scored 22 of them while playing guard and teamed with Bob Lanier to spark a late surge as the Bucks defeated the Atlanta Hawks 117-113.

Nelson made the move early. After Johnson picked up three fouls at forward midway through the first quarter, "We put Marques at guard and posted him low whenever we could," Nelson said. "It was very successful in the second quarter (when Johnson scored 15 points), and we wanted to go back to it if we could."

In other NBA games Thursday, the Houston Rockets shaded the Golden State Warriors 104-101, the Dallas Mavericks ripped the Detroit Pistons 121-120, the Portland Trail Blazers turned back the San Antonio Spurs 109-105, the Los Angeles Lakers trimmed the San Diego Clippers 117-100 and the New York Knicks edged the Cleveland Cavaliers 111-110.

Rockets 104, Warriors 101: Moses Malone scored 35 points and grabbed 14 rebounds to lead Houston. The Rockets led 97-87 with 5:35 remaining, but Golden State scored six straight points. Elvin Hayes, who finished with 18 points, scored a layup and Tom Henderson hit a free throw to give Houston a 100-93 advantage.

Mavericks 121, Pistons 120: Rolando Blackman's 10-foot (3-m) jumper with three seconds left climaxed a fourth-period Dallas comeback. The Pistons were leading 120-119 with 11 seconds remaining but failed to get the ball inbounds despite two timeouts and lost it on a five-second violation.

The Mavericks trailed 102-89 entering the final period but rallied behind rookies Blackman, Mark Aguirre and Jay Vincent. Vincent, a former Michigan state player, led all scorers in his first appearance as a professional in his home state, tossing in 37 points. Kelly Tripucka topped the Pistons with 25, boosting his season total to 1,609 and becoming the all-time Detroit rookie scoring king.

Trail Blazers 109, Spurs 105: Jim Paxson scored seven points in the last two minutes as Portland came from behind and kept their slim playoff hopes alive. Paxson and Calvin Natt fueled the late comeback by executing two steals and combining for Portland's last nine points.

Lakers 117, Clippers 100: Jamaal Wilkes scored 25 points to lead a balanced Los Angeles attack as the Lakers became the first Western Conference team to clinch a playoff berth. Norm Nixon and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar added 20 and 16 points, respectively, for the Lakers, who have won their last three games.

Knicks 110, Cavaliers 100: Michael Ray Richardson's three-point basket, steal and layup in the closing 1:22 enabled New York to wipe out what remained of Cleveland's 26-point lead. The Cavaliers were on top 107-92 with 6:15 minutes remaining but were outscored 19-3 the rest of the way, failing to score a field goal in that stretch, and lost their ninth consecutive game.

At World Cup Soccer

Platini out to regain lost prestige

PARIS, April 2 (R) — Michel Platini is widely regarded as one of the most creative midfielders in world soccer. But he has long given up hope of creating a good impression with French fans. Platini won widespread approval for a brilliant display in France's 2-0 victory over Italy last month.

Team boss Michel Hidalgo, Brazilian manager Tele Santana and Italian midfielder Marco Tardelli, who spent the night chasing Platini's shadow, all sang his praises. But his brilliant performance failed to melt the hearts of suspicious French fans who still regard as arrogant and distant. "I know I'm not popular with the whimsical French public but I have decided to ignore the jeers as well as the praise," the 26-year-old St. Etienne star said in a rare remark to the press.

Platini, a disappointment in the 1978 World Cup finals in Argentina, will be hoping to carry his current form into the Group Four matches against England, Czechoslovakia and Kuwait in this year's final in Spain.

Platini looked class against the Italians, dragging the luckless Tardelli all over the pitch, snatching the opening goal and denied a second only by the crossbar. "His best

international so far," said Hidalgo. "Tardelli shouldn't be the scapegoat. What else could he do tonight," sighed Italian manager Enzo Bearzot. "I've never suffered that much," bemoaned Tardelli.

Even Santana was moved to admit that he would have Platini in his Brazilian squad without hesitation. Platini accepted such eulogies calmly, although he admitted: "I have probably reached a new dimension."

With 20 goals from 32 international, Platini is the second highest French scorer of all-time, seven behind just Fontaine who made history in the 1958 World Cup finals in Sweden when he set a record tally of 13 goals. Many of Platini's goals have come from his renowned free-kicks, either bent round the defensive wall or thundered venomously straight into the net.

Platini once disclosed that he had concentrated on his deadly shooting since his teenage years with his first club, Nancy. His Italian-born father also used to coach him endlessly, using dummies as defenders.

Platini's goal-scoring prowess has made him the target of Europe's richest clubs who have been chasing him for years with cheque

Saudi Arabia, Bahrain in thrilling draw

By a Staff Writer

ABU DHABI, April 2 — Saudi Arabia dropped a valuable point in their bid to match second place in the Gulf Soccer Championship when they were held to a 2-2 draw by Bahrain in their concluding match Friday.

In the other match, United Arab Emirates scored a 3-1 win over Oman to jump into the third spot.

The Saudi Arabians walked on to the field as firm favorites against Bahrain. But the Bahraini lads put up a stiff resistance and shocked the Saudi Arabians with an opening-minute goal, when Ibrahim Zuwayed made no mistake receiving the ball at the top of the box.

But in the 26th minute a spotkick came the Kingdom's way, but Ahmed Saghir who was entrusted with the penalty saw his shot being saved by goalkeeper Hamoud Sultan.

However, minutes from the change of ends, Saudi Arabia restored parity through their prolific scorer Majed Abdullah, who found the net off a melee following a flag-kick.

But the second session once again saw Bahrain shoot ahead through Hamad Muhammad in the fourth minute. But Majed Abdullah struck again to enable the Kingdom snatch a point.

Kuwait take on Qatar in the concluding match and irrespective of the outcome, they would have the distinction of walking away with the trophy.

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Qatar	4	1	0	3	3	2	2
Oman	5	0	0	5	2	15	0

Borg dazzles after a shaky start

MONTE CARLO, Monaco, April 2 (Agencies) — Bjorn Borg defeated Italian Paolo Bertolucci 7-5, 6-0 Friday in an error-riddled qualifying match for the \$300,000 Monte Carlo Grand Prix Tennis Tournament.

The match marked the 25-year-old Swede's first tournament action in five months. "I had a few problems concentrating in the first set, but then I got my mind together and it went a lot better," Borg said after the match. "The only thing I need now is to play more matches so I can work on my concentration."

The tennis star, who has slipped from first to sixth place in the world rankings during the past nine months, said the last time he had to compete in a qualifying round was six years ago in Monte Carlo.

Borg declined to attack the Council when asked if his decision had left him angry or bitter. "I'll put it this way — I don't like it," he said. "I don't think it's fair and I would prefer not having to qualify."

Meanwhile, in Zurich, America's Bill Scanlon defeated Wojtek Fibak of Poland in a three-set clash 3-6, 7-6, 7-6 to qualify for the quarterfinals of the World Championship Tennis (WCT) tournament here Thursday.

Italy's Corrado Barazzutti won another three-setter against Nick Saviano of the United States 6-7, 6-3, 6-4, while South Africa's Kevin Curren had an easy 6-3, 6-0 win over Roland Stadler of Switzerland.

Hungary's Balazs Taroczy moved effortlessly into the quarterfinals of the Grand Prix

Tennis Tournament of Nice with a 6-1, 6-3, win over Frenchman Dominique Thery.

MIPTC crucial meet
The controllers of men's professional tennis meet in the Mediterranean splendor of Monte Carlo this weekend to discuss player demands which, if accepted, could radically alter the way the sport is run.

The game is governed by the International Tennis Federation (ITF) but the men's side of it is controlled by the Men's International Professional Council (MIPTC). The Council are a body of administrators who organize the Grand Prix in various parts of the world, assign television rights and line up sponsorship, while also ruling on breaches of the code of conduct by players.

Now the players, represented by the Association of Tennis Players (ATP), want to change all that. They have presented the council with a list of demands including four main points, which the council have so far strongly resisted.

The ATP are demanding 15 percent of the television rights from each individual tournament, a variable contribution to the ATP for each Grand Prix depending on the prize money on offer, and total control of the code of conduct.

They also want to end the system whereby players are assigned and designated by the council to appear in certain events. The variable contributions demanded include up to \$25,000 for each tournament, except when the total prize money is less than \$75,000, in which case the contribution would be

\$2,500 per meeting.
On the code of conduct, the ATP want the right to administer discipline and decide on punishments for infractions. Philippe Chartier of France, President of the ITF and a strong voice on the MIPTC, has said all along the council would resist the demands. "We know the ATP has a financial problem and because of our desire to help them and preserve their existence," the council gave them \$250,000 in January," he said.

But he pointed out that any money given to the ATP would mean less prize money for tournaments. Chartier said the initial reaction of the council to the ATP's demands was one of surprise, adding that not all ATP members were behind the demands and those making them were wrong in thinking they were a basis for any sort of negotiation.

Another part of the jigsaw is the rivalry between the council-backed Grand Prix, which the council describes as the official circuit, and the breakaway World Championship Tennis (WCT), owned by wealthy American Lamar Hunt. It was the creation of the WCT which caused the ATP to pull out of the council, of which it was once a part.

The players' body felt that as its members played both Grand Prix and WCT tournaments, it could not properly represent them if it was part of the council, which does not recognize WCT. Privately some players and officials feel WCT may be running into difficulties, and several have said they feel its days could be numbered.

The 'lighter' side of Tango balls

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina April 2 (AP) — The balls to be used at the World Cup Soccer in Spain are smaller and lighter than those used in Argentina, causing concern for this country's defending world championship team.

Coach Cesar Menotti and individual players have told the Associated Press that ball size was one of the reasons the Argentines were unable to dominate in recent ties in friendly games against Czechoslovakia (0-0) and West Germany (1-1).

Both games were played with the "Tango-Espana 82" ball, the same that will be used in the World Cup competition scheduled to begin June 13. The diameter and weight of the ball are within the limits set by the International Federation of Association Football (FIFA), but, according to Menotti and his players, the ball only barely meets those limits.

FIFA rules call for use of a ball that is between 68 and 71 centimeters in diameter and weighs between 396 and 453 grams. Andres Do Campo, a technical assistant to the Argentine team, said the ball to be used in Spain has a diameter of 68 centimeters and

weighs 396 grams, the minimum allowed. The ball normally used in Argentine tournaments has a diameter of 71 centimeters and weighs 453 grams — the maximum allowed.

A 'bouncy' offer

KUALA LUMPUR, April 2 (APF) — An offer of 500 free Japanese footballs for use at this year's Asian Games has been turned down by the Asian Football Confederation because they are "too bouncy".

The football tournament at the Games in New Delhi in the autumn will have to use Adidas-Tango balls instead of the Japanese Mikasa brand, the federation has ruled.

Confederation secretary Peter Velapalan told Malaysian newspaper *Bernama* that Mikasa balls were not suitable because their light weight made them "too bouncy" and difficult to control.

He said football team managers were dissatisfied with Mikasa balls used at the Southeast Asian Games in Manila in December.

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Diego Maradona, Argentina's young superstar, said play with the Tango-Espana 82 ball in the recent games against the Czechs and Germans made him "feel like a beginner" because "the ball acted as though it was alive." "We will have to practice a lot to be able to dominate that ball (the Tango-Espana 82) since its sensibility to touch is not the same," said rightwinger Gabriel Calderon. "It's as though you gave a journalist a new typewriter with which he was not familiar."

Menotti also complained that a little more than a month ago he received only eight balls from the Spanish Soccer Federation "when I had asked for about 50 to be able to practice comfortably."

Several players said they believed the smaller, lighter Tango-Espana 82 ball would favor the European teams and be a handicap for Latin American players, who depend more on ball control during play. Nevertheless, Menotti said his players are training daily with the new ball and he hopes they will be accustomed to it by April 14 when they are scheduled to play a friendly game against the Soviet Union in Buenos Aires.

Indian squad

BOMBAY, India, April 2 (AP) — Three new faces have been inducted in the 16-member Indian cricket side which leaves on a summer tour of England at the end of April.

The three debutants are opener Ghulam Parkar (Bombay), all-rounder Suru Nayak (Bombay) and seamer Ranbir Singh (Bihar).

The team: S. Gavaskar (Captain), Pranab Roy, Dilip Vengsarkar, G. Vishwanth (vice-captain), Yashpal Sharma, Ashok Malhotra, Sandeep Patil, Kapil Dev, Madanlal, Ravi Shastri, Suru Nayak, Syed Kirmani (wk), Dilip Doshi, Shivlal Yadav, Ranbir Singh, and Ghulam Parkar.

Australian takes Awad the full distance

LONDON, April 2 (R) — Sixth-seeded Egyptian Gamal Awad was fully extended by Australian Steve Bowditch 10-9, 5-9, 9-3, 4-9, 9-2 in the second round of the British Open Squash Championships Thursday.

There were two upsets as the women's event was reduced to the final 16 players. Renee Aucamp of South Africa and Ruth Strauss of Britain, both seeded in the nine to 16 group, were beaten. Strauss, 18, comfortably won her opening game against Australian Dianne Davies, but Davies turned on the heat in the next three and cruised to a 2-9, 9-4, 9-5, 9-5 triumph. Another Australian, Carin Clonda, was responsible for the other upset, defeating Aucamp 9-7, 9-2, 9-5.

Pakistan's Maqsood Ahmed came back

Fergus, Edwards share lead

GREENSBORO, North Carolina, April 2 (AP) — Keith Fergus dropped a 15-foot (5-meter) birdie putt on the final hole to finish off a 66 and tie Danny Edwards for the lead Thursday in the first round of the \$300,000 Greater Greensboro Open Golf Tournament.

"I feel like I did everything well," said Fergus, who scored his first tour victory in the memorial tournament last year. "I had good concentration and a good attitude, and that's a big part of any good winner here."

Edwards, a former winner here, matched his 6-under-par effort on the Forest Oaks Country Club course, his best round of the year. "It's hard to put your finger on it when you play good," he said. "Things just worked out for me."

A single stroke off the pace at 67 were Peter Oosterhuis, the Englishman and chunky George Cadie, who birdied his last three holes in the warm, sunny weather.

"A very good putting round," said Oosterhuis, who holed a pair of 25-footers and one-putted six times.

Two strokes back were Ben Crenshaw and 1981 player of the year Bill Rogers. Rogers didn't make a bogey and Crenshaw, moved among the leaders with birdies on three of his last four holes. Also at 69 were Mark Pfeil, who had a hole-in-one on the 12th hole, Pat McGowan and Mike Sullivan.

Ray Floyd, South African Gary Player, Larry Nelson, the current PGA champ all matched par 72. Lee Trevino was three shots higher at 75.

10-8, Kenyon downed Australian Rod George 9-4, 9-5, 9-1.

In other second round actions, Gren Brumby (Australia) routed R. Hayes (New Zealand) 9-4, 9-0, 9-0; Fahim Gul (Pakistan) got past C. Ericsson (Sweden) 9-6, 9-1, 9-5, and Muhammad Awad (Egypt) prevailed over Craig Blackwood (Egypt) 9-4, 3-9, 9-0, 9-6.

In the women's section, Margaret Zachariah (Australia) beat Irene Hewitt (Ireland) 9-0, 9-4, 9-0; Jayne Ashton (Britain) downed Heather Wallace (Britain) 9-1, 9-4, 9-0; Martine Le Moignan (Britain) defeated Sally Kipping (Britain) 9-4, 9-3, 9-2; Angela Smith triumphed over Catherine Bellemore (Australia) 9-0, 9-2, 9-6.

Parsons, Vets to clash

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, April 2 — Parsons Daniel and Saudia Vets will clash for the 'A' Division honors of the Pro-Jeddah Softball League in a best-of-five-games contest starting Sunday.

Parsons made the grade with a come-from-behind victory over BD All-Stars 2-1. The game, highlighted by sparkling in-field plays by regulars Roger Stallings, Sonny Gomes and John Eazo, was one of the hardest fought games of the season pitting Larry Montoya's squad out until next year.

Saudia Vets rolled over a stubborn Lockheed 16-2. Their game too was sparked by outstanding plays by the in-field members Jack Graham, Gabe Chireaux and Rowland Copeland behind the plate while pitcher Jim Heart worked hard to contend with very gusty wind conditions.

The first game of the championship series is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Sunday followed by April 6 (8:30 p.m.), April 9 (7:00 p.m.) April 11 (8:30 p.m.) and April 13 (7:00 p.m.). The venue is Raytheon's Rayville field (PCS North Campus).

BRIEFS

CALGARY, Canada (AP) — Guy Chouinard scored once and set up four other goals Thursday to become the franchise's all-time leading scorer as the Calgary Flames scored six times in the first period and routed the Colorado Rockies 11-0 in a national Hockey League game. In the other match Quebec Nordiques beat Boston Bruins 8-5.

LONDON, (AFP) — Employees of one of Britain's biggest betting shop companies have called a strike for Saturday the day of the Grand National, Britain's most popular steeplechase. Union members at the 640 Coral bookmakers' shops are unhappy with a pay rise offer of five percent for managers and seven percent for other staff.

LONG BEACH, California, (AFP) Current world champion Nelson Piquet and early season revelation Keke Rosberg of Finland start favorites to win the United States West Coast Formula One Grand Prix here Sunday.

LIMA, (R) — World Cup finalists El Salvador were beaten 2-1 by Peruvian Club Universitario in a soccer friendly here Friday

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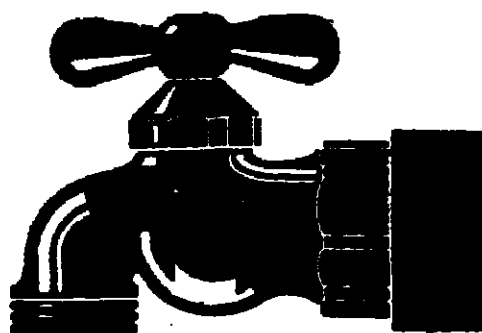
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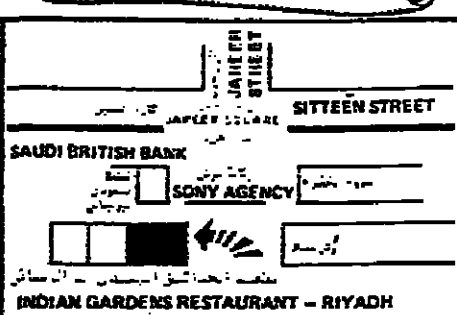
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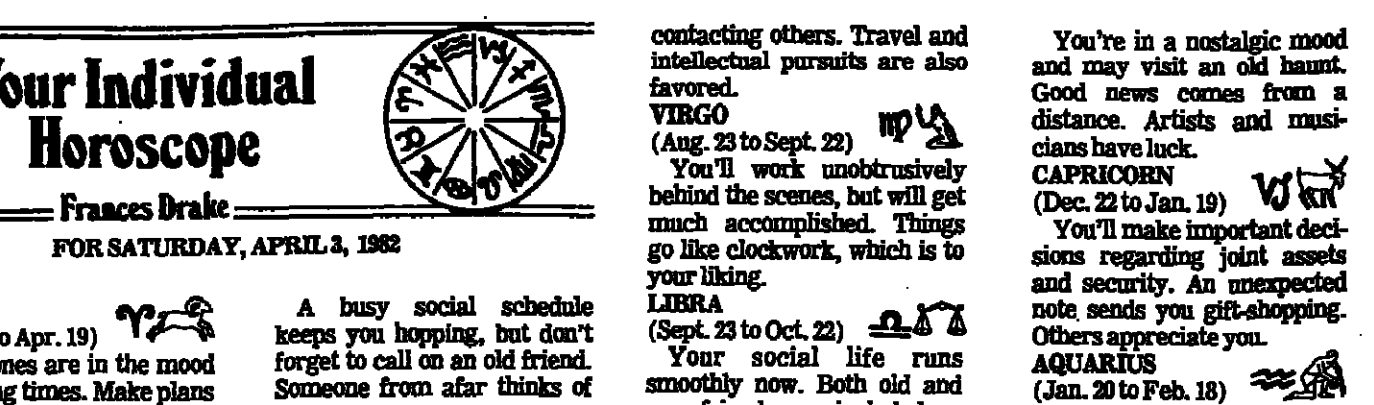
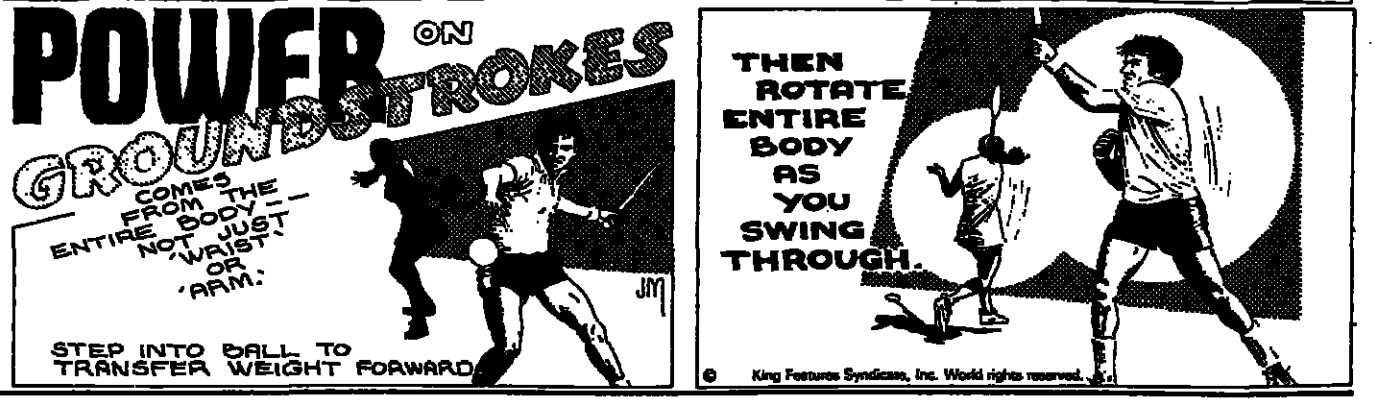
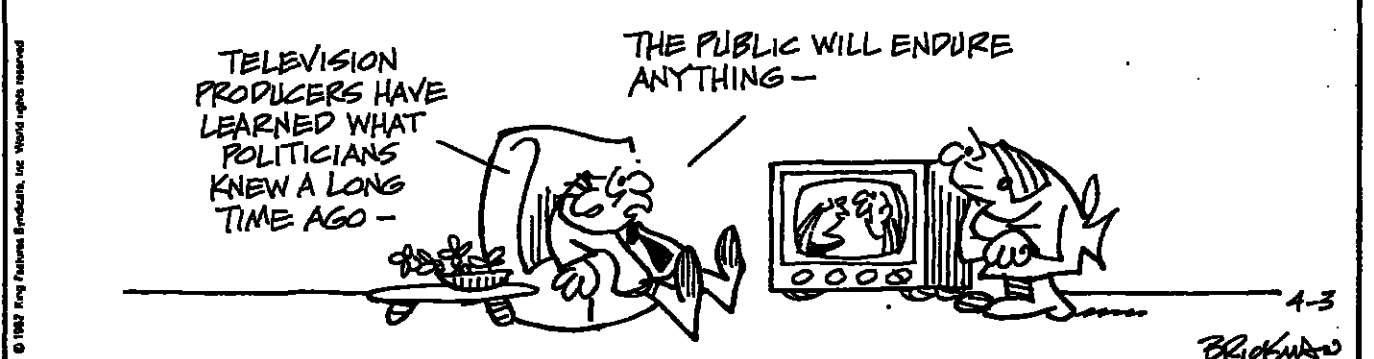
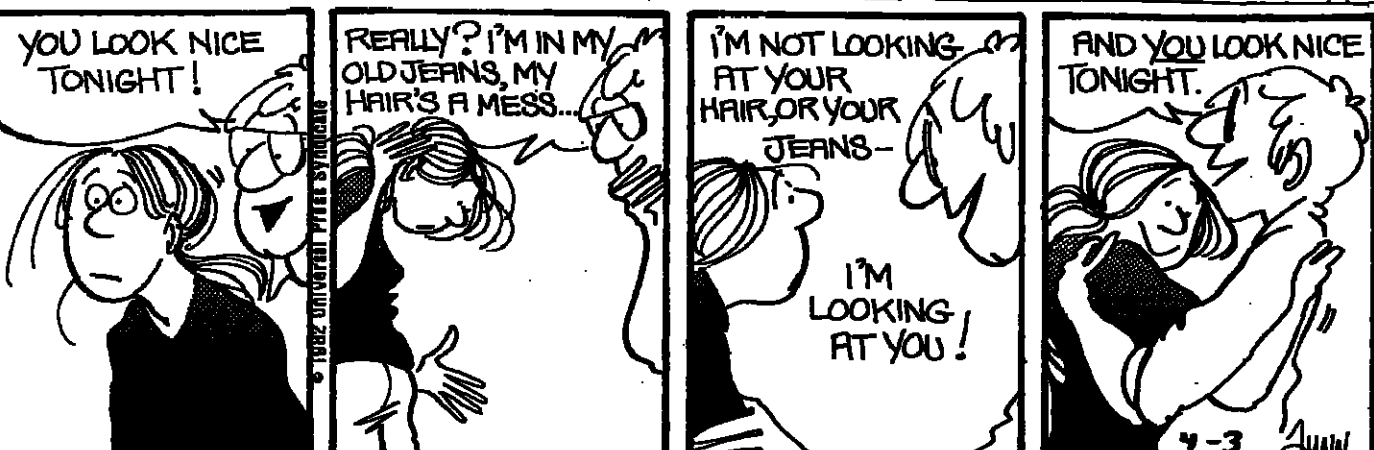
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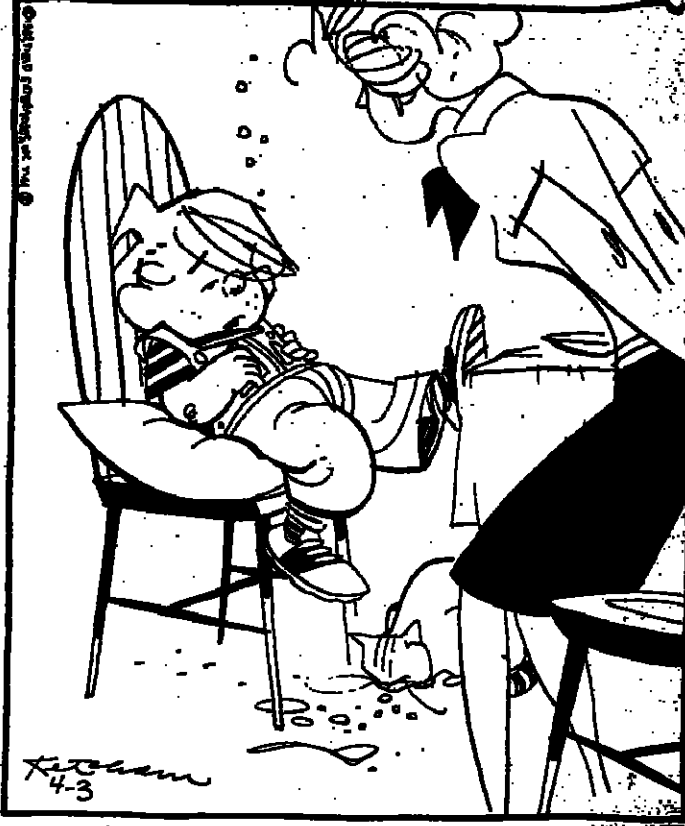
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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5 Fled to wed	4 Ready
11 Row	10 for battle
12 Venerate	5 Borgnine
13 Varied; assorted	16 Is one
15 Fetch	8 Church season
16 Sanction	7 Where (IL)
17 Quiet!	8 Have
18 "The — of Wrath"	9 do with
20 Post a bond for	10 With skill
21 Unconscious	14 Alaskan
22 Roman historian	19 Walden
23 "Candid"	20 — out
	(biab)
25 Sandy mound	27 Not sense
26 Look after	30 Hole — (2 wds.)
27 Politic title	31 For the —
28 Opera and sailor	32 Guardian from above
29 Green rust	34 Crooked
33 Give	37 Little or Arthur
	38 Wipe up

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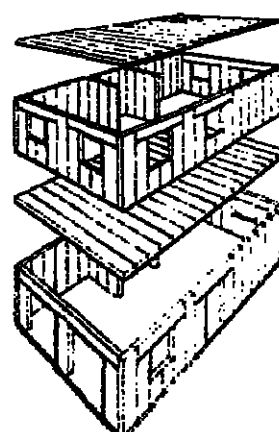
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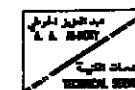
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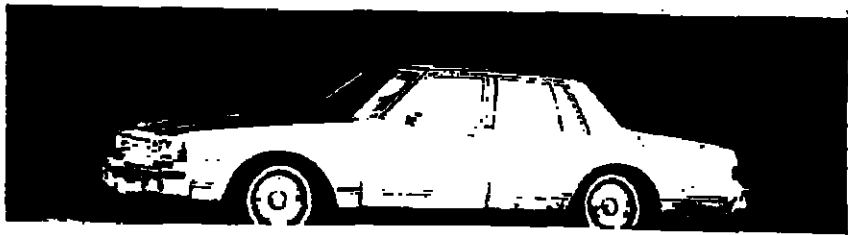
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International

As Salvador heads into crisis

Duarte seeks role in power

SAN SALVADOR, April 2 (R) — El Salvador headed deeper into a political crisis Friday over who should run the government after inconclusive elections last Sunday. Right-wing party leaders, who won a combined majority of 36 seats in a 60-seat Constituent Assembly, insisted Thursday night they should have a controlling say.

They announced their demand at a news conference shortly after the president of the ruling junta, Jose Napoleon Duarte, said on television that his centrist Christian Democrats must have a continuing role in the country's power structure.

The leader of the far right National Republican Alliance (Arena), Maj. Roberto D'Aubuisson, told the news conference: "We will work with the Christian Democrats but we will not accept Duarte as president."

Duarte, who has ruled in harness with the military for the past two years, said Thursday his party had won the elections by taking 42 percent of the popular vote.

Maj. D'Aubuisson accused the Christian Democrats of holding up the official announcement of Sunday's results as part of a plan to maintain themselves in power. Arena and four other right-wing parties announced their intention to act as a bloc in a Constituent Assembly within hours of the first results being known.

But the right-wingers have since said they would welcome Christian Democratic participation in a government of national unity. Right-wing antipathy toward Duarte emerged during a vitriolic election campaign in which they accused him of being a leftist for the way in which he introduced financial and agrarian reforms.

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U.K. soldier hurt

CROSSMAGLEN, Northern Ireland, April 2 (R) — Irish Republican guerrillas wounded a British soldier Friday following the killing of five in the past week in an upsurge of violence in Northern Ireland. The soldier was injured when his armored patrol vehicle was caught in a landmine blast near Crossmaglen, police said.

Guerrillas set off the mine by remote control from the safety of a stone wall some distance away. Police said they believed the men then fled over the nearby border into the Irish Republic.

British security officials believe that the new Irish Republican Army (IRA) attacks are aimed partly at helping to restore guerrilla morale, reduced by the recent arrests of nearly 200 suspected guerrilla or sympathizers.

for El Salvador, where 30,000 persons are estimated to have died in political violence in the past two years. Duarte returned from exile just over two years ago at the invitation of the military to join a ruling junta. The Reagan administration gave him strong political and economic support in recent months and was believed to be hoping for his overall victory in the elections.

"My duty to the people has not ended yet," Duarte told the press conference. "You will see a lot of Napoleon Duarte in this process, whatever the results." He said any right-wing attempt to monopolize power could generate frustration among the poor people he said had voted for the Christian Democrats. This had played into the hands of left-wing guerrillas trying to gain power through force, he said.

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Administration spokesmen insisted that Reagan's remarks did not represent a new assessment of Soviet strength. But, asked to amplify them, they used such phrases as "unfavorable trends" and Soviet "momentum" in missile production. The Liberal Center for Defense Information, a private group, recalled that Secretary of State Alexander Haig said last year: "Our systems are both more sophisticated and reliable and more technologically sound."

Over nuclear superiority Reagan's remarks disputed

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Austria rejects demand for return of Polish pilots

WARSAW, April 2 (AP) — Authorities have demanded that Austria extradite two military pilots who flew their families and a friend to the West aboard a military biplane, the Polish news agency PAP reported Friday. Austria said it would not.

In Vienna, a Justice Ministry official said the pilots would not be returned and instead would be prosecuted by Austrian authorities. Officials said the pilots would probably be charged with "coercion," although the possibility of trying them for air piracy was left open. Ministry sources said suspended sentences are common for defendants who are also political refugees.

The pilots flew a Soviet-built Antonov-2 from a base outside the southern Polish city of Krakow to Vienna's Schwechat airport

Thursday afternoon with eight persons aboard, including the aircraft's mechanic who has demanded to be sent back.

It was the first known defection by military pilots since the start of martial law here Dec. 13. A Lot Polish airline pilot commandeered a passenger plane carrying his family members to West Berlin on Feb. 12. PAP's brief story, which gave bare details of the incident, said the wanted men were pilots Andrzej Malec, 31, and Jerzy Czerwinski, 29, and mechanic Boleslaw Wrona, 35.

Martial law authorities, meanwhile, have sentenced 52 more persons for various crimes including a Lot airlines pilot, Jerzy Wojtyna, who received a 10-year jail term. A statement issued by the prosecutor's office said Wojtyna was tried in absentia for deserting a "militarized" organization by refusing to leave Canada. It did not explain why the pilot had gone to Canada.

An estimated 400 persons have been sentenced to prison terms for various violations since the start of martial law. Most involve distribution of banned publications and leaflets. Several activists of the independent union Solidarity have been sentenced for organizing after industrial action was banned by last December's decrees.

Caribbean exercise set

NORFOLK, Virginia, April 2 (AP) — The Atlantic fleet's new emphasis on the Caribbean gets a boost next week with a joint U.S.-British naval exercise by a record 39 ships and more than 200 planes. U.S. Navy officials say.

The five-week readiness exercise beginning Tuesday will range from Norfolk into the Caribbean and will include two aircraft carriers, the *Independence* and the *Forrestal*, high-ranking navy sources told the Norfolk *Virginian-Pilot*.

The exercise, called Readex 8-82, will be followed from April 27 through mid-May by another large-scale maneuver called Ocean Venture. That exercise will include more than 40 ships, the same two carrier battle groups as Readex and air force B-52 bombers.

Translated from Ashraf Al-Awsat

Good Morning

By Jilad Al-Khazem
Time: Around eight in the evening.
Place: A supermarket in Washington.
Dramatis personae: A few old ladies and myself.

From the shelves I'd just taken a small packet of biscuits, a bottle of orange juice and a cellophane bag containing a goodly quantity of the best white grapes. I walked with the merchandise to the nearest counter and stood in the line.

The staff and most customers were old ladies. All blue rinse and jovial banter. The old lady behind the till took the orange and the biscuits and rang them through without comment. Then she picked up the grapes and looked them carefully. "Young man," she said, "Sure you want the grapes?"

That was the first time I was called a "young man" in twenty years, and it almost made my day. "I do," I said solemnly. She looked slightly embarrassed. "Well, uh," she said, "Sure you can afford them?" Well I looked a bit bedraggled, and the pack was a large one. "Lady," I said, "this is most certainly not a grape stick-up. I want them and I can pay."

The old ladies behind me in the line were by now taking a definite interest. Strange looking "young man". Strange accent. Wants all those grapes!

"It's eight dollars for the grapes. Did you know that?" I was quite embarrassed by now. "Eight dollars it is," I said jauntily, then my nerve broke. "Lady, I neither smoke nor drink: so I go for grapes."

"Says he's into grapes... he just came right out with it." That was the lady behind me explaining to the one behind her. "Into grapes." She made sound like a novel form of dangerous addiction. "Says he doesn't smoke, doesn't drink but goes for grapes." Murmurs of apprehension, alarm. The dangerous world outside the peaceful, quiet supermarket. Dope fiends, grape fiends, all on the prowl in decent neighborhoods.

"I personally blame the government," said the lady behind the till. She said it in such a way that couldn't tell if she meant the price of grapes or the alarming rise in grape addiction among the population. I thought it was too risky to find out, so I quickly paid and left.

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Leftists insult Italian premier

ROME, April 2 (AP) — Left-wing legislators hurled insults at Premier Giovanni Spadolini Friday during a parliamentary debate on government investigations of the 1981 Red Brigades abduction of a Christian Democrat politician in Naples.

As Spadolini spoke, a maverick Radical Party member shouted that the government had dealt with elements of Camorra, the Mafia-type underworld group active in Naples, to free the politician, Ciriaco De Mita. The Red Brigades freed Ciriolo after 88 days, when his family paid a 1.4 billion lire (\$1.2 million) ransom for his release.

Police on Thursday discovered the dismembered body of a criminologist who may have instigated charges that the Christian Democrat Party had negotiated with reputed Camorra boss Raffaele Cutolo for Ciriolo's release.

"You have dealt with the Camorra," Alessandro Tessari of the Radical Party shouted, interrupting Spadolini's testimony. "You are friends with Cutolo." "You should be ashamed of the things you are saying," Spadolini snapped.

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